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SOME OLD MANGA I DREW CAME RAINING DOWN FROM MY DRESSER. THEY WERE WORSE THAN THE ONES I FOUND EARLIER. I WAS TOO HYPER BACK THEN...

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That looks like it'll directly stab my right brain
Then we'll use this
Oh!
There's a theory that pick up lines are most effective when you whisper them in someone's left ear!
I can't believe I just thought "tin-can phones would be fine" to myself
You gonna bust my eardrums?
Let's Lesson!
Well then, lend me your left ear please!

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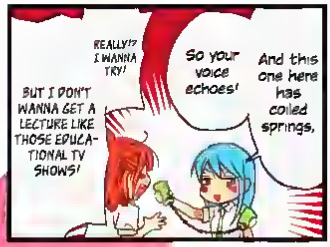
BUT I DON'T WANNA GET A LECTURE LIKE THOSE EDUCATIONAL TV SHOWS!
REALLY!? I WANNA TRY!
So your voice echoes!
And this one here has coiled springs,

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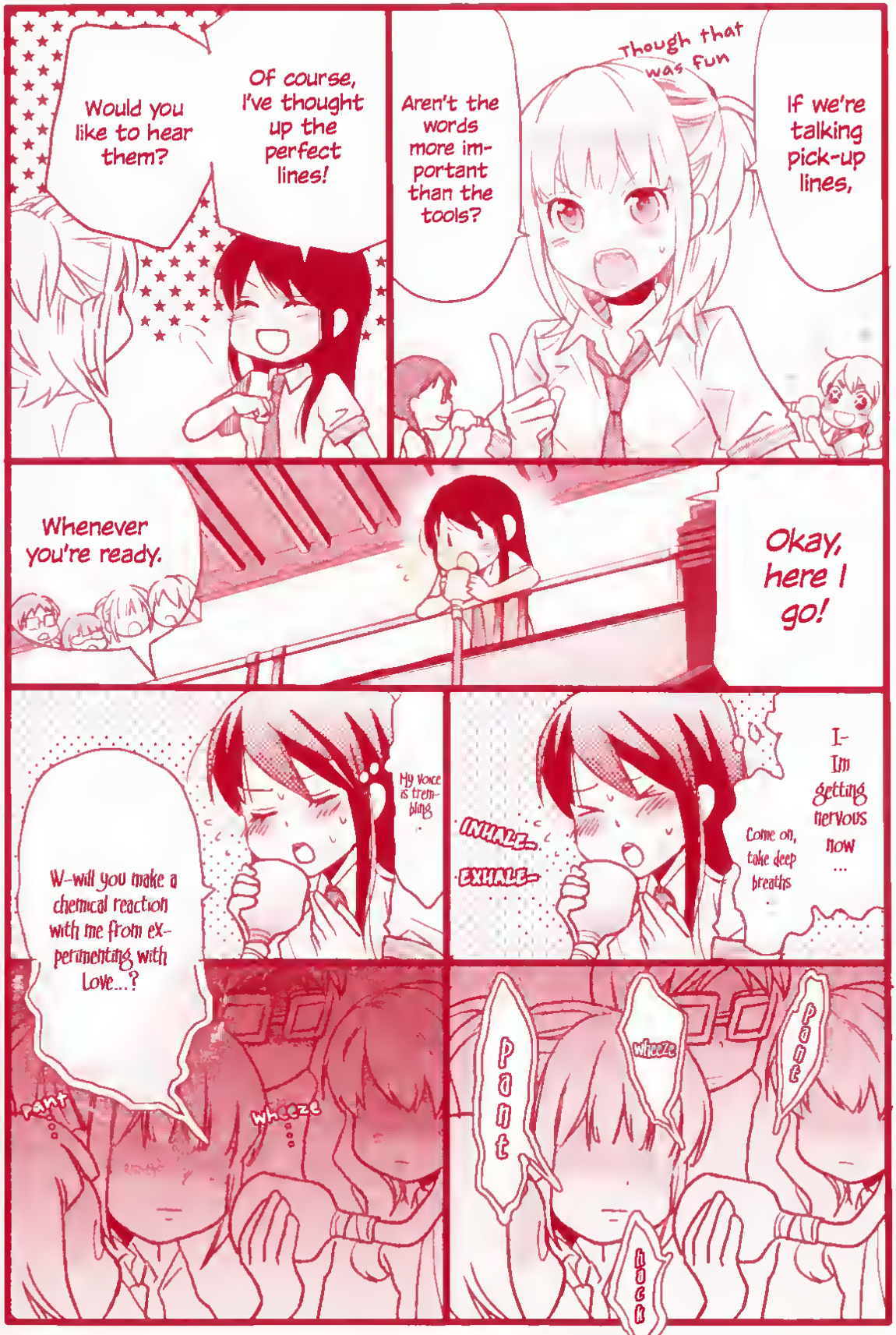
Eh?
Practic-ing pick-up lines.
Riko -senpai, Maki -senpai,
What are you doing?
I actually have some-thing even better ...
awesome-awesome-awesome-
Isn't this awesome?
Who d'you think you are, Bill Nye?
garden hose
A PLASTIC BOTTLE VOICE-PIPE!
Practicing pick-up lines!
What are you guys doing?
EH?


Would you like to hear them?
Of course, I've thought up the perfect lines!
Aren't the words more important than the tools?
Though that was fun
If we're talking pick-up lines,
Whenever you're ready.
Okay, here I go!
My voice is trembling...
W-will you make a chemical reaction with me from experimenting with love...?
I-I'm getting nervous now...
Come on, take deep breaths
INHALE~
EXHALE~
pant
wheeze
pant
wheeze
pant
pant
pant

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MOMO MEMO
- An utterly defenseless President napping in the library during lunch break
- Says in her sleep "oh, salty Baron Pizza"
- That phrase + that warmly tensed expression = priceless
*Rare level 10 (So defenseless that I almost drew on her face)
MOMO MEMO
- Kurahashi-san handsomely helping up a girl she ran into around the corner
- This girl became a wild fan
- can you blame herz
*Rare level 1 (She's as popular with the readers as ever)
MOMO MEMO
- That shy and introverted Tanahashi-san got mail!
- ...she can be surprisingly assertive says her brother
- The elder brother = a super sis-con
*Rare level 8 (Even when she's mad, she's cute and not scary at all!, says her brother
MOMO MEMO
- Enomoto-san caught doing flower fortunes only hopeless women do that
- Had a sappy romance novel under her arm
- muttered "now what?" once finished, seemed unimpressed
- Appears to have been done on a whim
*Rare level 10 (In a hopeless sense)
MOMO MEMO
- Saya-chan and Sugihara -sense, facing off with games in the seminar room
- Teacher childishly brought her own console, but gets defeated
- Saya-chan's fingers move so fast, it's creepy
*Rare level 5 (How about issuing challenges in the newspaperz)
You bet, Momo -senpai
For Fujiyoshi
Isn't it nice to always have new material, Nana-chan
Kurahashi is so cool
Assistant's note
Note

I'M REAAAAAAAAAAAALLY SORRY!!
FOR ALL THE LIES I TOLD YOU ABOUT ME BEING INCREDIBLY EXPERIENCED IN LOVE AND BEING POPULAR,
That's enough already, Riko...
I'm sorry too for assuming that.
You told us the truth too,
So I'm sure everyone in the student council will forgive you,
Right?
I guess there's no helping it, gosh!
You guys...
Of course!
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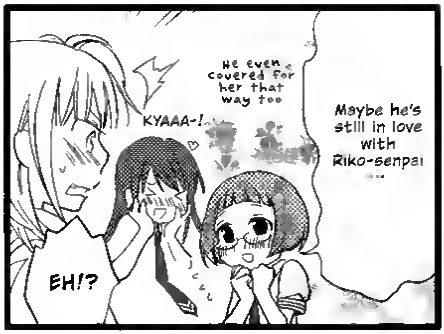
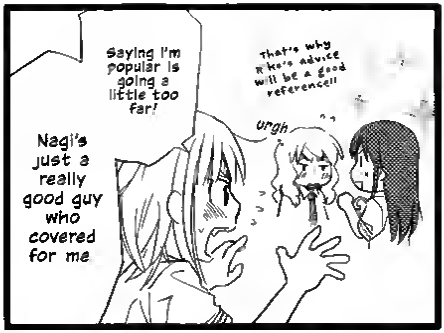
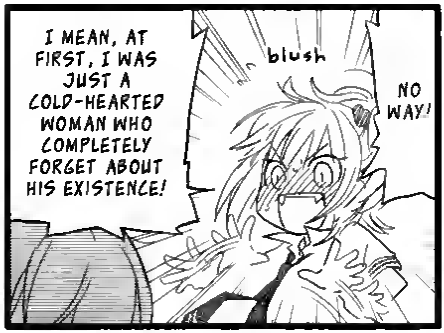
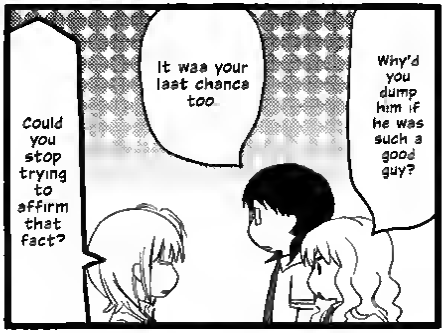
Aide Riko's Duties
1. storage cleaning and organizing
2. preparing documents and filing them
and a bunch of other stuff!!
I get the feeling that really isn't the case, though...
GRUNT

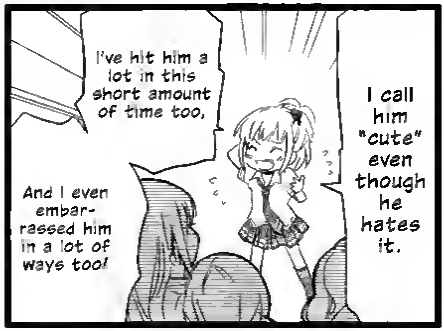
SO MUCH FOR ALL THAT EXPERIENCE WHEN HER SUCCESS RATE WAS ZERO PERCENT!
So I wasn't a total lie ^^;
But she still has a lot of guy friends
She has more experience then the senpai who's never gotten involved with a guy before
You'll just feel guilty if you go unpunished, right?
At least with this, you'll feel better.
It's funny anyway
TREASURER SAYO
REGARDLESS OF WHETHER IT WAS A FAILED LOVE OR NOT!!
T-THAT'S ALSO EXPERIENCE!
So that's how it is
In any case,
It may be painful, but please try your best!
SECRETARY SUZU
She turned me down though
I liked Riko
!
BESIDES, SHE ISN'T AWARE OF IT, BUT SHE'S POPULAR IN OTHER WAYS!
UNLIKE THE IDIOTICALLY DELUSIONAL MAKI WHO MADE A BIG DEAL OUT OF IT, I'M A COMPLETE VICTIM TO ALL OF THIS
THIS DEFINITELY ISN'T ENOUGH.
VICE PRESIDENT ENO
THAT HIT HER THE HARDEST.
ALTHOUGH ONLY IN A WAY THAT DOESN'T SET HER APART FROM OTHER GUYS!!
that could kill some one
that stings
IT'S NOT CRINGEWORTHY! AND ALSO, IT'S "SWEET CANDY"!
IT WAS JUST AS CRINGEWORTHY AS YOUR "I WANT HIM TO TELL ME THAT MY HAIR'S LIKE DRIED WHEAT CANDY" DELUSION!
GOT IT?
My hair's not rough and cut you know!


He even covered for her that way too
KYAAA-!
Maybe he's still in love with Riko-senpai ...
EH!?

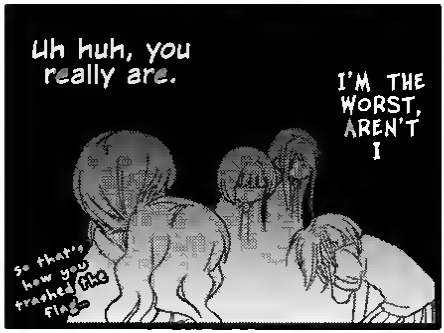

Saying I'm popular is going a little too far!
That's why Riko's advice will be a good reference!!
urgh
Nagi's just a really good guy who covered for me

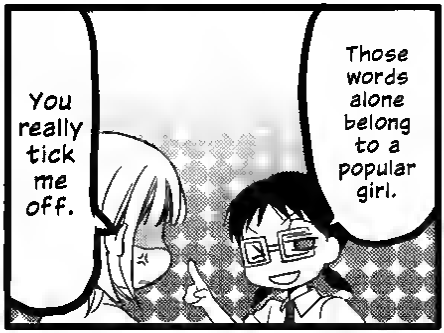

I MEAN, AT FIRST, I WAS JUST A COLD-HEARTED WOMAN WHO COMPLETELY FORGET ABOUT HIS EXISTENCE!
blush
NO WAY!


Could you stop trying to affirm that fact?
It was your last chance too
Why'd you dump him if he was such a good guy?

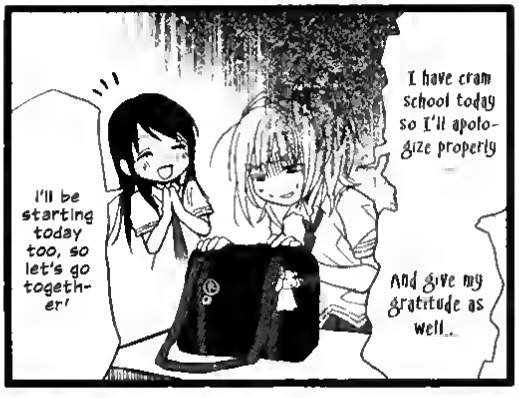

I've hit him a lot in this short amount of time too.
And I even embarrassed him in a lot of ways too!
I call him "cute" even though he hates it.

That time back in 3rd grade ..
...I still can't remember


Uh huh, you really are.
I'M THE WORST, AREN'T I
So that's how you trashed the flag


You really tick me off.
Those words alone belong to a popular girl.

If Maki actually tried,
She'd get a boyfriend in no time, but,
And then, a wonderful boy will

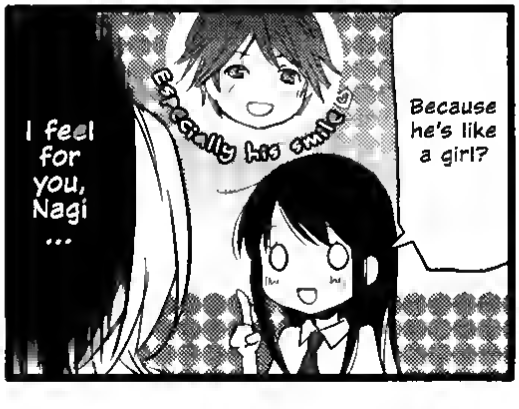

I have cram school today so I'll apologize properly
I'll be starting today too, so let's go together!
And give my gratitude as well...

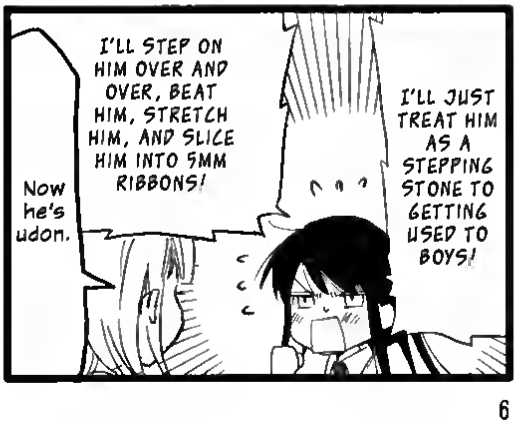
Nagi looks like he's all over Maki...
... Nagino-kun
Is a good guy, isn't he ...

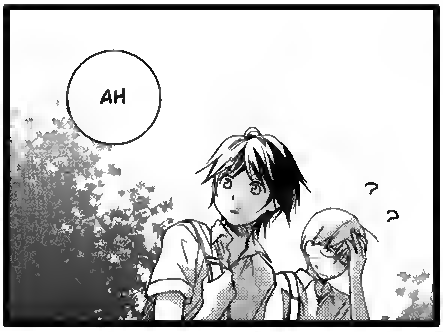
It'll just be you and Yan for now, right?
Will you be okay?

He's really easy to talk to.
This must be ...
EH!?

BUT I HOPE YOUR FRIENDSHIP ISN'T A DELUSION TOO...
KUKUKU, HEHEHE
YOU DRAG PEOPLE ALONG WITH YOUR DELUSIONS
... I'll be fine.


I feel for you, Nagi ...
Especially his smile
Because he's like a girl?


I'LL STEP ON HIM OVER AND OVER, BEAT HIM, STRETCH HIM, AND SLICE HIM INTO 5MM RIBBONS!
I'LL JUST TREAT HIM AS A STEPPING STONE TO GETTING USED TO BOYS!
Now he's udon.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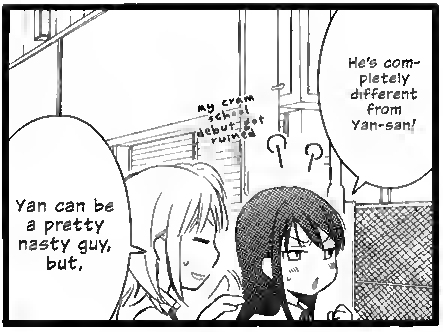
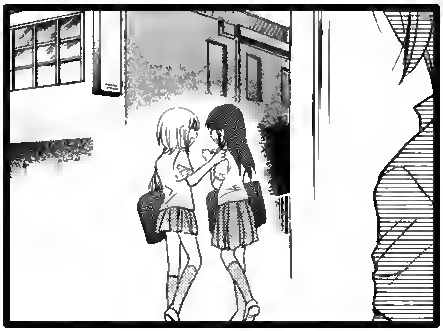
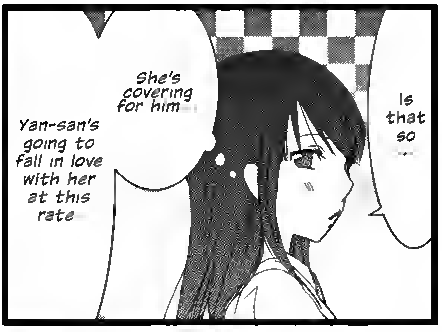

He's completely different from Yan-san!
My cream sch... debut... got ruined
Yan can be a pretty nasty guy, but,



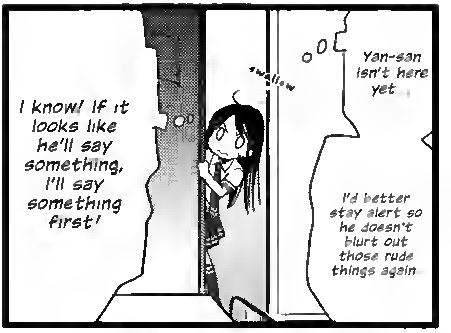
Once you get used to him, there's plenty of good things about him Don't worry!
He probably got flustered and soundad harsh because he likes her now...

... They made up huh?
I'm glad for you Riko...

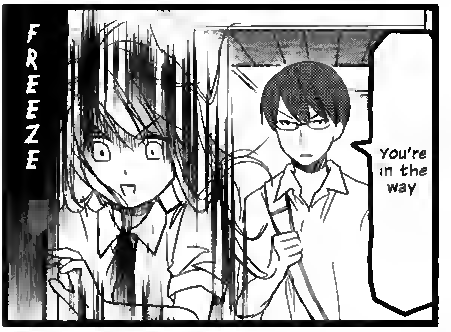

Is that so...
She's covering for him...
Yan-san's going to fall in love with her at this rate

Is what you're probably thinking, huh, Mr. Nice Guy?
LIKE HELL I AM!!
sigh Jeez

!!?
What's with this unpleasant chill...?
SHIVER
What's up?

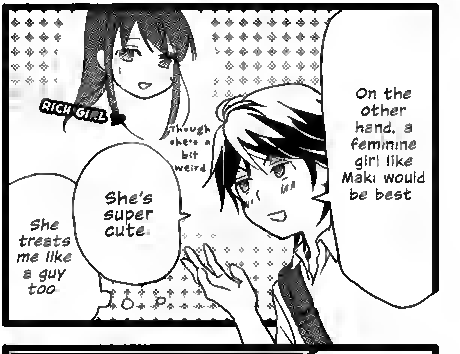

Yan-san isn't here yet
I'd better stay alert so he doesn't blurt out those rude things again
I know! If it looks like he'll say something, I'll say something first!

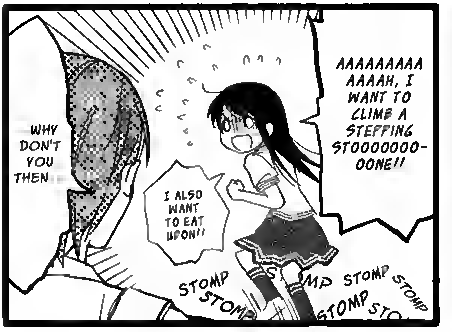
I ONLY LIKED HER WHEN WE WERE KIDS!
THERE WAS SOMETHING WRONG WITH ME BACK THEN


FREEZE
You're in the way

You're not only a good guy but a huge masochist too, huh?
THAT'S NOT IT, DAMN IT!
SHE'S INSENSITIVE AND QUICK TO HIT PEOPLE!

.You know, you...
Ah! Is he going to say things!?

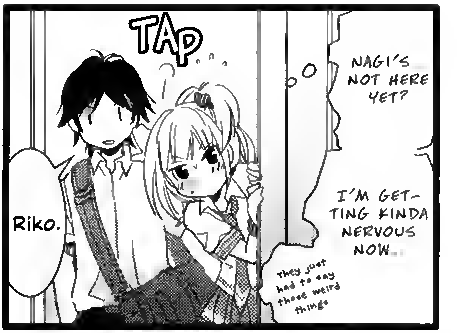

On the other hand, a feminine girl like Maki would be best
RICH GIRL
though she's a bit weird
She's super cute
She treats me like a guy too


AAAAAAAAAAAAH, I WANT TO CLIMB A STEEPING STOOOOOOOOONE!!
WHY DON'T YOU THEN
I ALSO WANT TO EAT UPON!!
STOMP STOMP STOMP STOMP

There's clearly something wrong with the way you're speaking

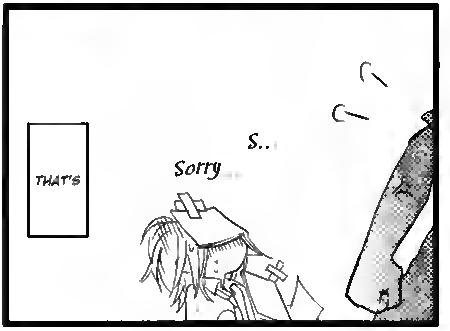
He really is a rude, vicious man ...
Kurahashi didn't deny it either
You're weird no matter how I see it though
Bleeeh Bleeeh
Looks like it
I'M NOT BEING DELU-SIONAL OR ANY-THING!
I REALLY AM FRIENDS NOW WITH RIKO!
GLANCE
But
What if...
He hadn't said all that, then ..
Awhile back, when I told her you were weird,
She got really mad
Eh?
I might not have realized my mistake...
And I might have ended up criticizing Riko for her lie instead ..
BLUSH BLUSH
And kept blabbering about how you're a good person and every-thing
O-
OH, RIKO...
You're still weird either way.
T-THAT'S JUST A WHAT-IF THOUGH!
A WHAT-IF!!
OH!
AND HE STILL SAID THOSE AWFUL THINGS!?
HE REALLY HAS A SHOCKINGLY BAD PERSONALITY!!

-Eh,
AH!
Are you gonna call me cute again?
..What?


TAP
Riko.
NAGI'S NOT HERE YET?
I'M GETTING KINDA NERVOUS NOW...
They just had to say those weird things.

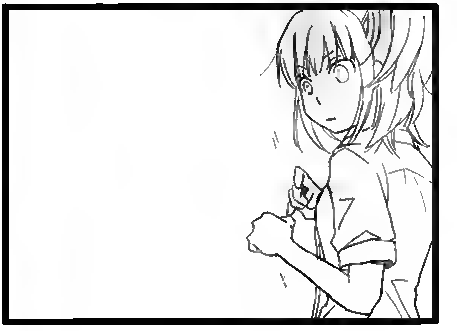
IT'S A REAL SHAME SINCE YOU'RE A GUY!
TOO CUTE FOR WORDS!
YEAH, THAT!

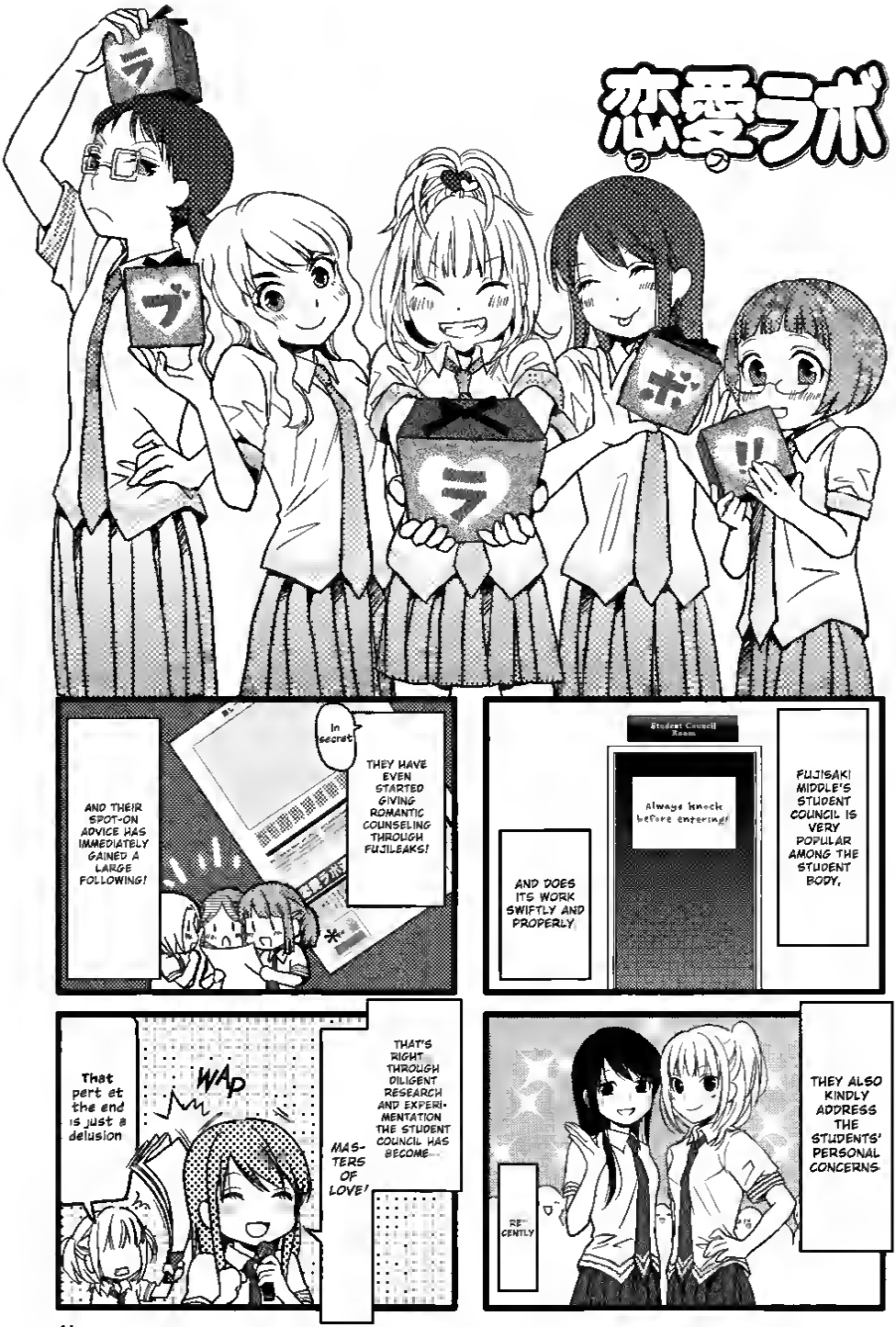
UWAA AAH!
You made up with Maki-san, huh?


THAT'S
Sorry
S..

I'm glad for you!
SMILE

WHAT I WANTED TO SAY, RIGHT?

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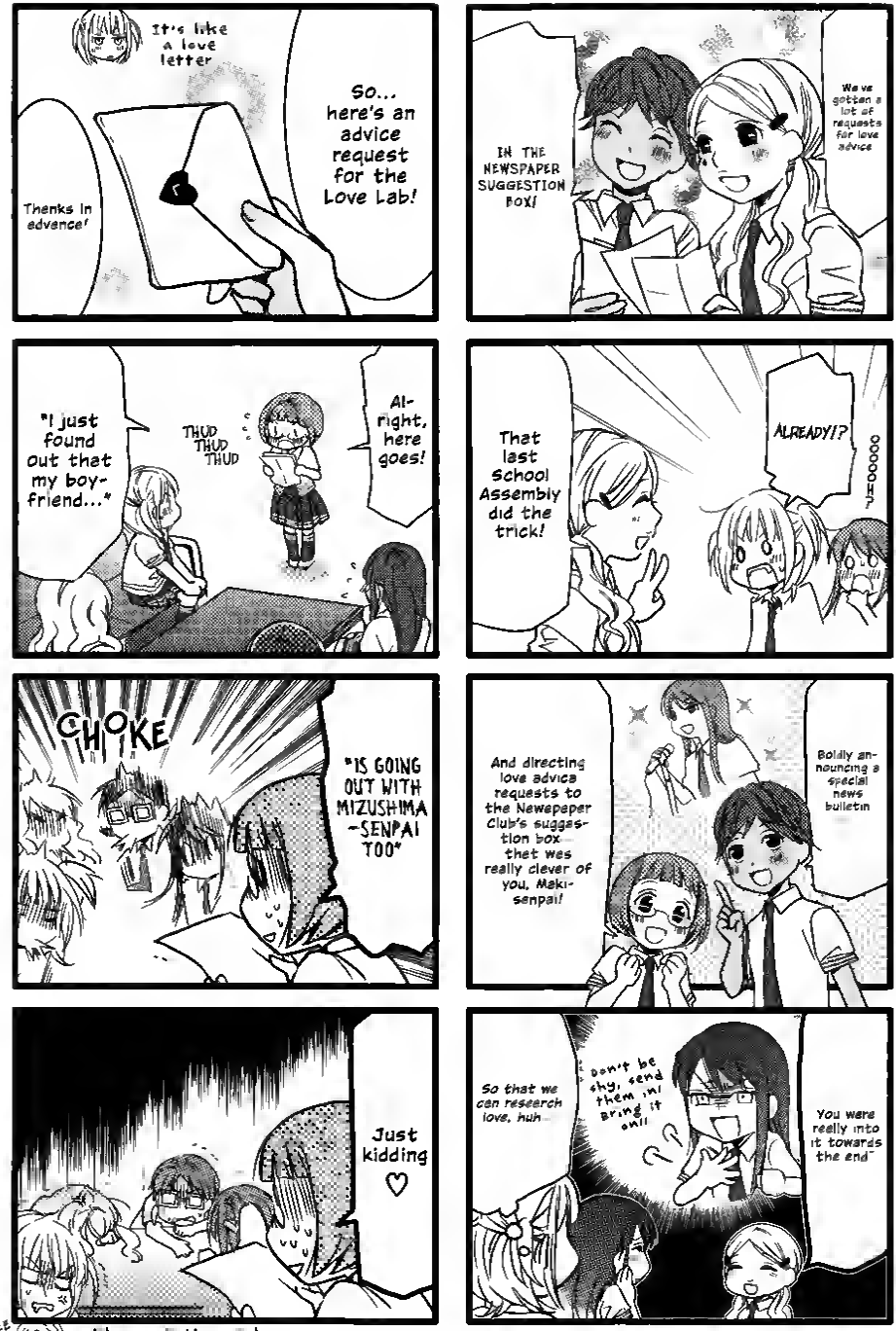
FUJISAKI MIDDLE'S STUDENT COUNCIL IS VERY POPULAR AMONG THE STUDENT BODY.
Student Council Room
Always knock before entering!
AND DOES ITS WORK SWIFTLY AND PROPERLY.
THEY ALSO KINDLY ADDRESS THE STUDENTS' PERSONAL CONCERNS.
RECENTLY
THAT'S RIGHT... THROUGH DILIGENT RESEARCH AND EXPERIMENTATION THE STUDENT COUNCIL HAS BECOME...
MASTERS OF LOVE!
That part at the end is just a delusion
WAP
THEY HAVE EVEN STARTED GIVING ROMANTIC COUNSELING THROUGH FUJILEAKS!
In secret
AND THEIR SPOT-ON ADVICE HAS IMMEDIATELY GAINED A LARGE FOLLOWING!

HOW COME RIKO SOUNDS SO GALLANT!?
"When asked about the truth, Kurahashi-san smiled and said brightly, "It wasn't bullying. I was just being disciplined for making a major mistake."
It's cleared up in the article, though
This Fujisaka thing, I mean
But men, this went smoother then we thought
Thanks to those two
It appears that this first issue was very successful and had many reprints
STREEEETCH!
YEAH YEAH I'M SORRY ALREADY!
THIS IS ALL BECAUSE RIKO MADE STUPID LIES ABOUT BEING A MASTER IN LOVE!
You stretch well
Ow!
I don't like that attitude!
I can't wait to find out ...
I wonder what love problems they'll bring us ...
WE GOT THE BEST POSSIBLE DEBUT!
Looks like it was helpful for our advisees, too
Yes, and that's very nice and all,
Eavesdropping again, huh.
YOU CALLED?
VICE PRESIDENT BULLIES RIDER?
MALICIOUS CONFLICT IN THE STUDENT COUNCIL?
BUT WHAT'S WITH THIS FEATURE ARTICLE?


It's like a love letter
So... here's an advice request for the Love Lab!
Thanks in advance!
IN THE NEWSPAPER SUGGESTION BOX!
We've gotten a lot of requests for love advice
"I just found out that my boyfriend..."
THUD THUD THUD
Alright, here goes!
That last School Assembly did the trick!
ALREADY!?
OOOOOOH
CHOKE
"IS GOING OUT WITH MIZUSHIMA-SENPAI TOO"
And directing love advice requests to the Newspaper Club's suggestion box— that was really clever of you, Maki-senpai!
Boldly announcing a special news bulletin
Just kidding ♡
So that we can research love, huh...
Don't be shy, send them in! Bring it on!!
You were really into it towards the end~
TEE HEE
← likes pointless jokes that are in bad taste

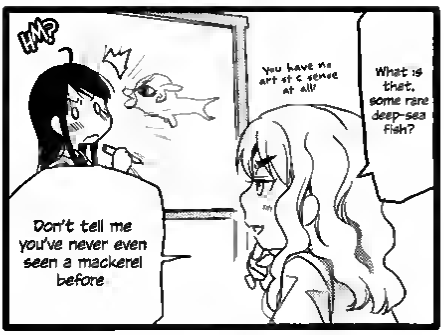
LEAVE IT TO ME!!
IF IT'S ABOUT COOKING
"I'm going on a picnic with my friends during summer vacation, and I will be making lunch for everyone."
starting over
"And there's a boy that I like among them!"
WOW
I even have original recipes for my future lover!
Forgive my lack of modesty, but I've got great confidence in my cooking skills!
"He really loves fish, and I can't think of what to make him. Could you help me with this?"
THEN I'VE GOT THE PERFECT DISH!
To prepare it...
THE MAIN THEME IS FISH, RIGHT?
Fish dishes, of all things...
That's a tough one right off the bat...
Your difficulty level is insane from the get-go.
1. Carve a whole tuna in front of him.
That's not even lunch

I've got a great idea for that...
SWISH
BUT I WANT TO SHOW OFF MY CARVING SKILLS!!
LEAVE IT, YOU FILTHY MISER!
SWOSH
THEY WON'T ENJOY IT! THAT'S NOT COOKING! AND CAN YOU EVEN CARVE A WHOLE TUNA?
But people enjoy watching the cooking process, too!
DAMMIT THERE'S TOO MUCH TSUKKOMI MATERIAL HERE!!
It's amazing that you carve a whole fish!
There's no way I can do it, it's too scary.
NATIONAL TOUR
A Middle School Beauty's Tuna Carving
1000 Per Person
YOU STOP THAT!!
tap tap tappity tap tap
But blood's still scary!
I can handle fillets, though ...
Obviously.
So I can't do tuna...
sighhh
WHAT'S WITH THAT "SHE PROBABLY THINKS THEY'RE SWIMMING IN THE OCEAN AS FILLETS TOO" FACE!?
ENOUGH WITH YOUR DREAM CATCHES!
Then I'll settle for three premium cuts of King Salmon
SORRY FOR THA WAIT! HERE'S YER KING SALMON!
No one's going to understand that reference

You really want to cut up fish, don't you.
And use three slices of mackerel.
Then we'll scale down ...
Ehhh
O-oh, but
Go too far with the carving and they'll freak out.
It's quite easy once you learn the ropes.
And that's still too hard.
PEEL PEEL
BOYS
GIRLS WHO WERE QUICK AT PEELING APPLES IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GOT ATTENTION, RIGHT?
Don't hurt yourself
I want to learn how!
I'll explain with a helpful diagram!
And I got good at peeling
I practiced back at home, too
I'm sorry, but I can't follow with that weird picture.
So first, you place the knife here, and ...
AND I would keep peeling
For some reason, though, I'd peel and peel but the apple would stay red.

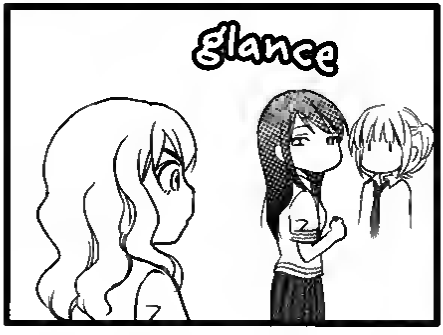
AND GOT SENT TO THE INFIRMARY

Okay, we get that you know this stuff.
Or we can try salmon carpaccio, sirloin fritters
Fried or broiled mackerel has plenty of volume


HM?
You have no art or sense at all!
What is that, some rare deep-sea fish?
Don't tell me you've never even seen a mackerel before

Terrible cooks?
I can't get an image of one
Then pick one that's fancy but easy. Something even terrible cooks can make.

HOW RUDE! I CAN DO IT, I'LL HAVE YOU KNOW!
AND I CAN GIVE YOU TIPS, TOO... ERM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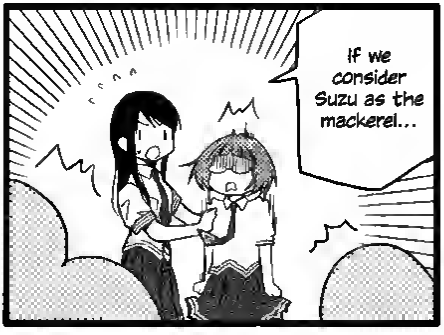
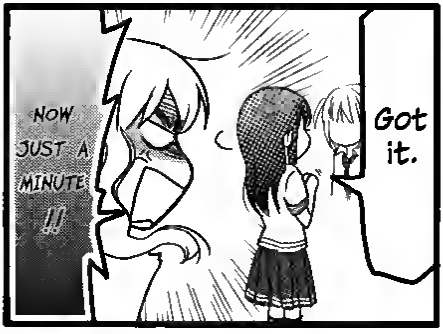
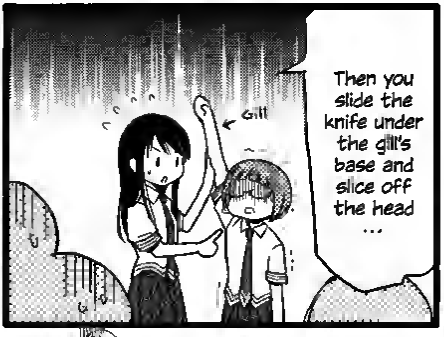
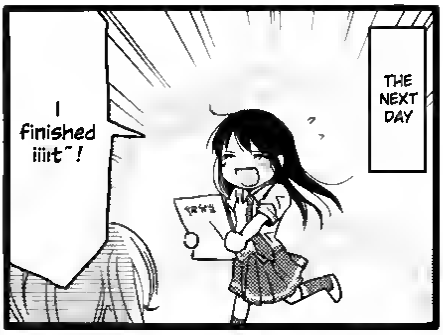
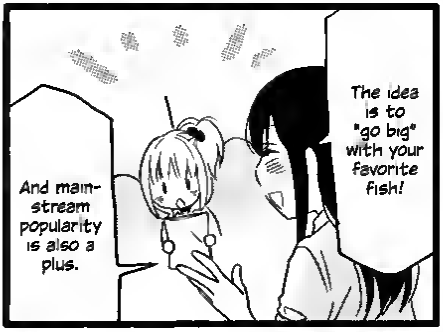

If we consider Suzu as the mackerel...


NOW JUST A MINUTE!!
Got it.

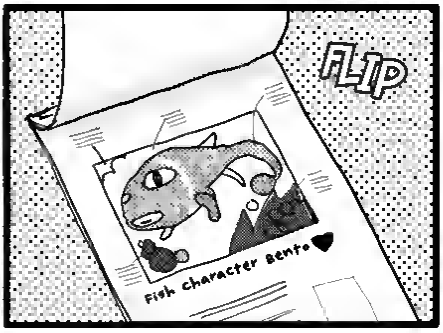

Gill
Then you slide the knife under the gill's base and slice off the head...
Oh, the humanity.

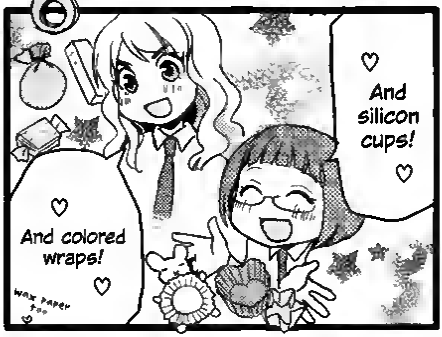

I finished iiiit~!
THE NEXT DAY

We ought to consider the layout and colors as well
I'LL THINK UP SOME RECIPES TONIGHT!


The idea is to "go big" with your favorite fish!
And mainstream popularity is also a plus.

My mom likes these
They've got some cute snack skewers!
Really colorful!

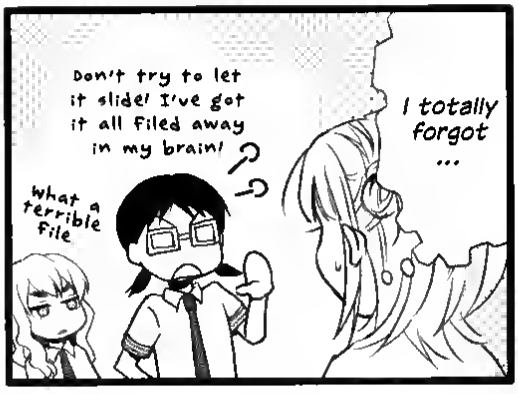

FLIP
Fish character Bento


And silicon cups!
And colored wraps!
wax paper too

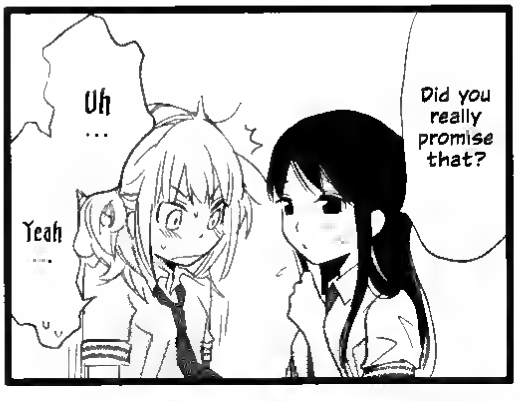
THIS IS NO GOOD...

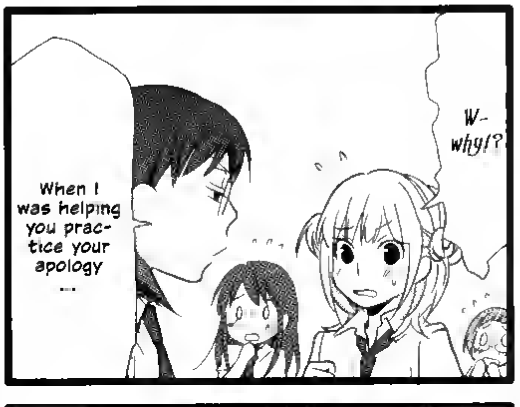
Please stay out of this.
And blue food coloring

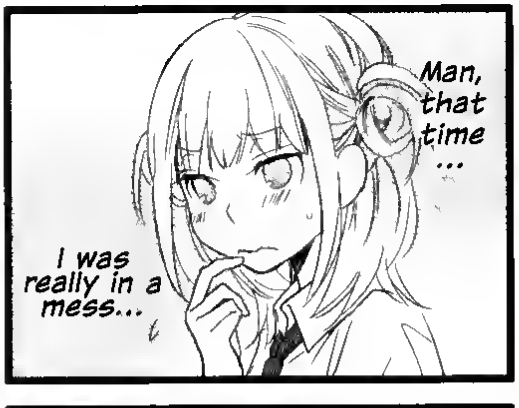
恋愛ラボ
RIKO IS THE PRESIDENT'S AIDE IN FUJISAKI GIRLS' MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT COUNCIL
SHE LIED ABOUT BEING "A MASTER IN LOVE".
YESTERDAY, SHE CONFESSED THE TRUTH AND APOLOGIZED.
AND NO HARD FEELINGS REMAINED
IN FACT, SOME NEW RESENTMENT WAS ROILING BEHIND THE SCENES
WE'RE REUSING THE SAME JOKE TWO MONTHS IN A ROW!?
OR SO IT SEEMED.


I totally forgot ...
Don't try to let it slide! I've got it all filed away in my brain!
What a terrible file

!?
GLARE
I'm not kidding.
I'M STILL MAD!


Did you really promise that?
Uh ...
Yeah ...

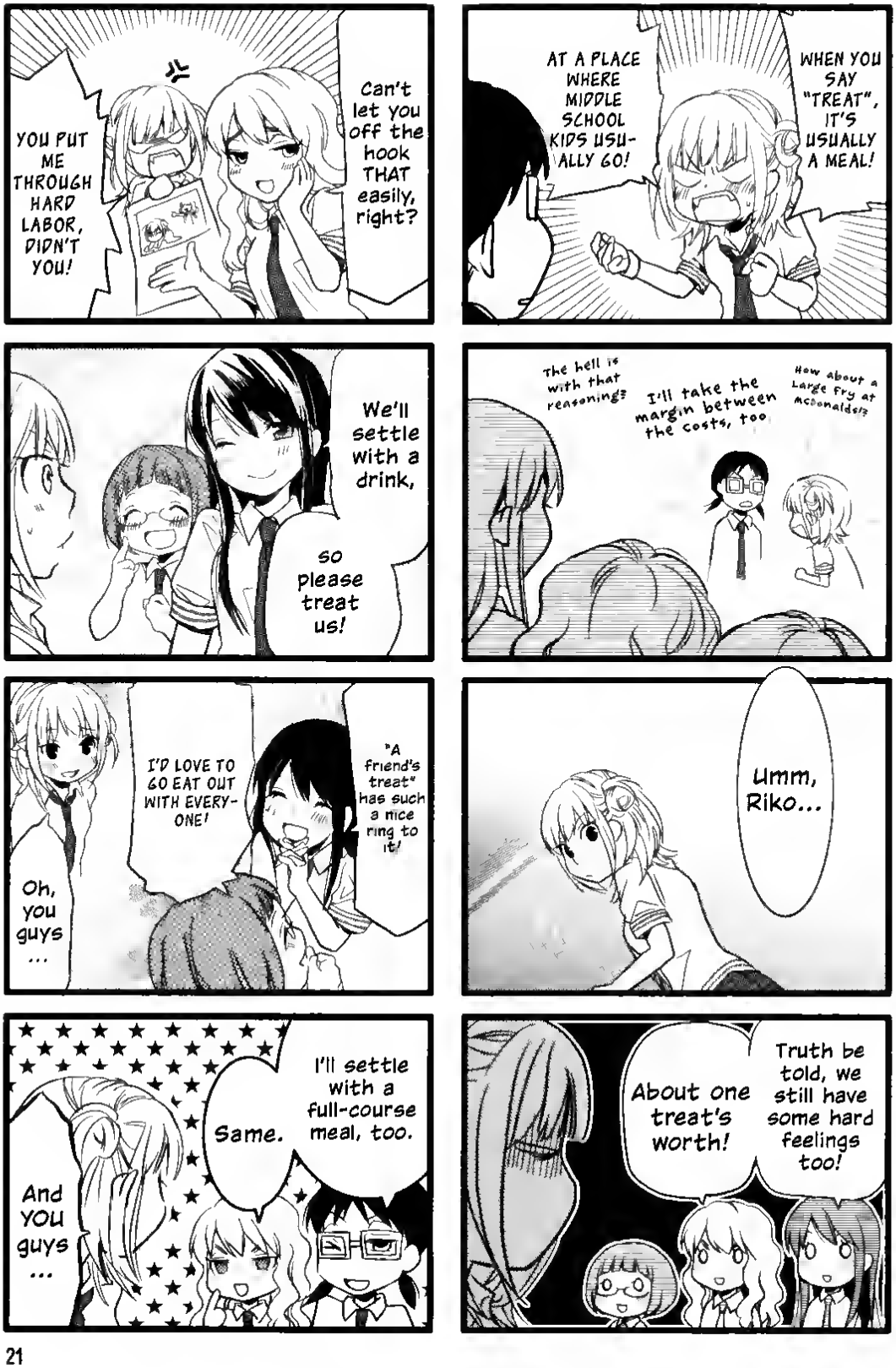

When I was helping you practice your apology ...
W-why!?


Man, that time ...
I was really in a mess...

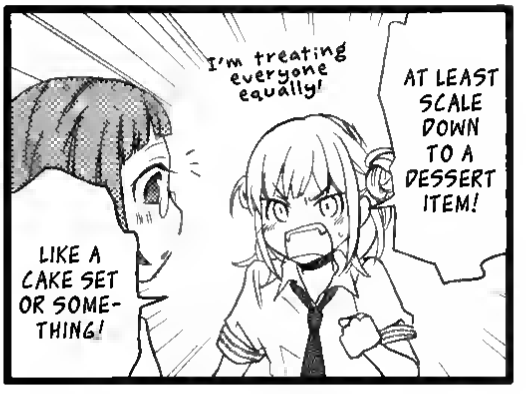
Why I ...
but A will on so I can practice!
You promised, didn't you?
AH!

Did you know the price for gold is rising these days?
Desperate enough to promise her something like that.

I SAID I'LL TREAT YOU TO SOMETHING LATER!
THAT YOU'LL "TREAT ME TO FOOD FROM NOW ON"!!
It's so broke!!


YOU PUT ME THROUGH HARD LABOR, DIDN'T YOU!
Can't let you off the hook THAT easily, right?
AT A PLACE WHERE MIDDLE SCHOOL KIDS USUALLY GO!
WHEN YOU SAY "TREAT", IT'S USUALLY A MEAL!
We'll settle with a drink,
so please treat us!
The hell is with that reasoning?
I'll take the margin between the costs, too.
How about a Large Fry at McDonald's?
Oh, you guys ...
I'D LOVE TO GO EAT OUT WITH EVERYONE!
"A friend's treat" has such a nice ring to it!
Umm, Riko...
And YOU guys ...
Same.
I'll settle with a full-course meal, too.
About one treat's worth!
Truth be told, we still have some hard feelings too!

You don't like sweets?
Ehh...
No, I do, but...
not really interested in classy


I'm treating everyone equally!
AT LEAST SCALE DOWN TO A DESSERT ITEM!
LIKE A CAKE SET OR SOMETHING!

Maki treat
Archive
Alrighty, let's go.
I'll treat you next time!
WAIT, WAIT, HOLD UP!

It's a cake store, but the cafe is classy and spacious!
I know a good store that just opened!
E SLEEP

WHY ARE YOU GOING THAT FAR?
BUT IT'S A DATING SPOT, YOU KNOW?

He gave me these pamphlets to share
My brother told me.
The cakes are delicious, and at reasonable prices too!

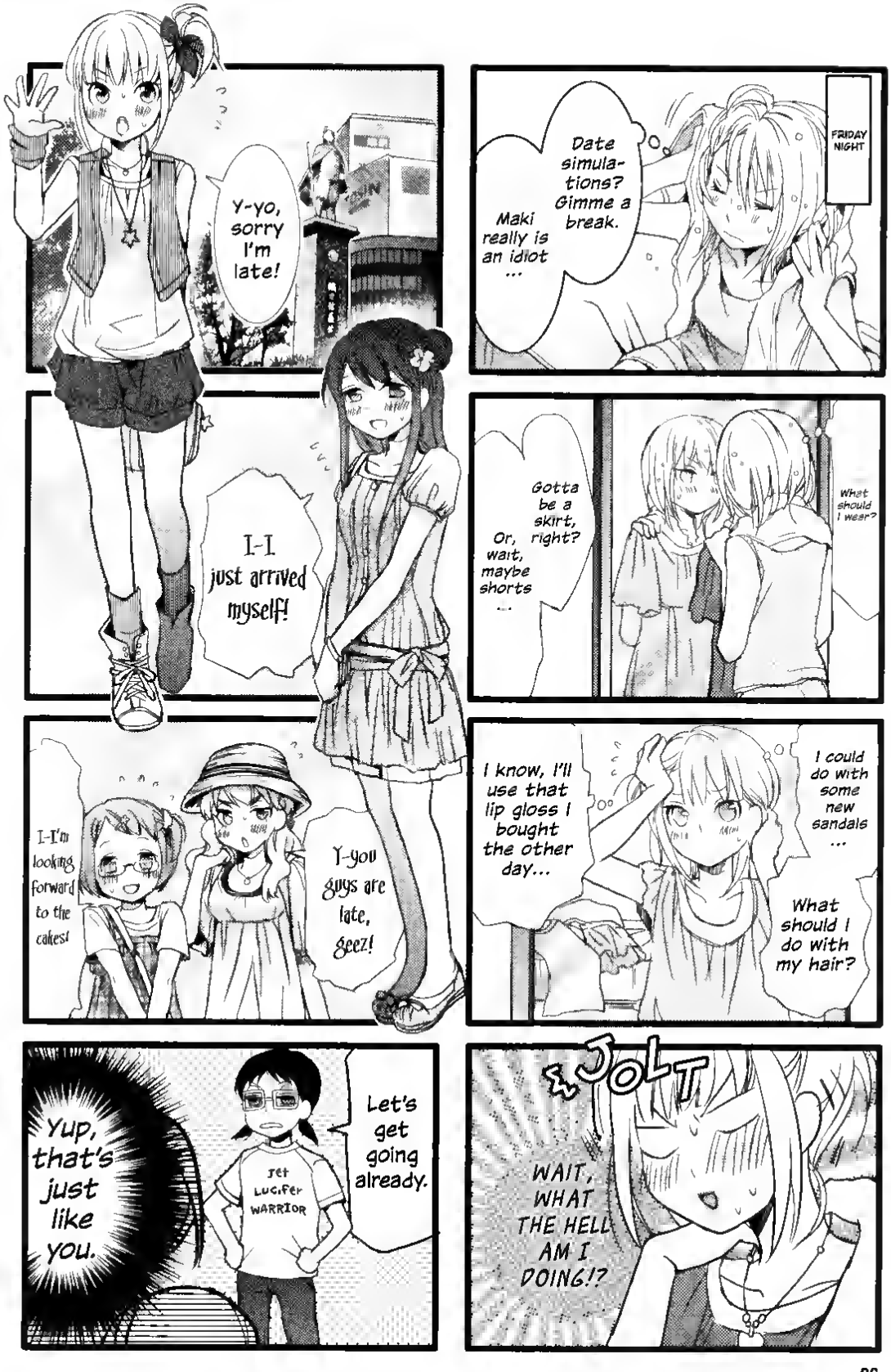
WE CAN SIMULATE OUR FIRST DATES THERE!
Oh yeah!
I'll cancel the trip.

And the place is popular among students for first dates!
LET'S GO THERE.

Just get what you want.
Anyway, I'm back in the cafe with my lover ...
And I've just ordered a mille-feuille ...
Please listen to what I'm saying.
In a cafe with a boy-friend ...
With me ordering mille-feuille ...
Fufu ...
So stupid!
Trying to look good by eating elegantly?
Fufu ...
But mille-feuille can get pretty messy ...
YOU CRUMBLE IT TO A STATE THAT ISN'T TOO UGLY..
AND THEN!
THIS IS WHERE YOU PRETEND TO HAVE TROUBLE!
Wow, you were already a big fool back then.
FOR ME, WHO HAS PRACTICED EATING MILLE-FEUILLES EVERY TEA-TIME THROUGHOUT MY CHILDHOOD, THERE'S NOTHING TO FEAR!!
WHAT'S WITH THAT SNEAKY HIGH-LEVEL TECH-NIQUE!?
YOU GET FLUSTERED, AS IF YOU DON'T WANT HIM TO HATE YOU, AND GIVE HIM QUICK GLANCES!
You really are an idiot.
However, I didn't expect to get sick of them after eating too much ...

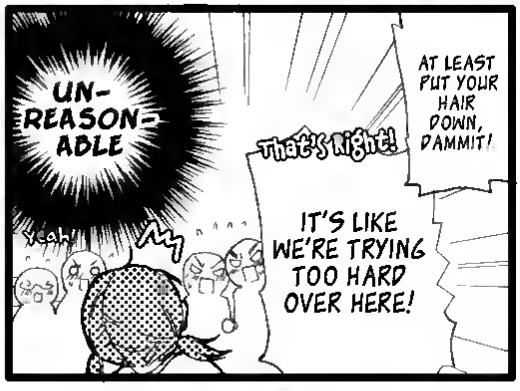
Riko,
SNAP OUT OF IT!
And eating mille-feuille ...
Going to the cafe ...
POP
POP
THIS ACTUALLY HAPPENED WITH MY GRAND-MOTHER!
AND WHEN SHE LOOKED DOWN AT HER LAP, EMBARRASSED, HE SAID TO HER...
Though she's rather plain
On a date yourself, have you?
STARE
You've never been
SHINE
You're so cute ...
Makio pls go
About going to a cafe with a boy?
And you've NEVER fantasized
Oh man. look at all those crazy fantasies popping up..
POP
Get some around your mouth
say aaah
POP
Ever since I heard that story, I've been so... so dreamy...!
POP
grandma your granddaughter is in trouble!
Ah, there it is.
POP
THEM TOO!?
UGH
POP
POP

Then let's go next weekend.
We'll get caught if five of us go after school
FUJI MIDDLE FROWNS ON STUDENTS GOING OUT TO EAT
Let's see what Riko was imagining!
SMIRK
FLAP
Agh... Now they know the truth...
We'll meet up at the station, okay?
In front of Nobunaga's statue.
HOWEVER!
OH, ALL RIGHT! WE'LL GO TO THAT SHOP!
JUST LIKE A DATE...
Quit popping up delusions.
NO COQUETRY!
NO SIMULATIONS OR PLAY-ACTING!
NO RUNNING WILD WITH YOUR IMAGINATION!
You could use some popping.
And the most expensive cake is...
That's a lot.
NO GOING OFF-TOPIC!
NO RAPTURING!
NO SCREAMING!
NO MAKIO!


FRIDAY NIGHT
Date simulations? Gimme a break.
Maki really is an idiot ...
Y-yo, sorry I'm late!
I-I just arrived myself!
What should I wear?
Gotta be a skirt, right?
Or, wait, maybe shorts ...
I could do with some new sandals ...
I know, I'll use that lip gloss I bought the other day...
What should I do with my hair?
I-I'm looking forward to the cakes!
Y-you guys are late, geez!
JOLT
WAIT, WHAT THE HELL AM I DOING!?
Let's get going already.
Jet Lucifer WARRIOR
Yup, that's just like you.

Jet Lucifer WARRIOR

You look... a little different than usual, Riko.
Nah, this is normal.
Just lip gloss!
Did you put on make up?


UN-REASON-ABLE
Yeah!
That's Right!
AT LEAST PUT YOUR HAIR DOWN, DAMMIT!
IT'S LIKE WE'RE TRYING TOO HARD OVER HERE!

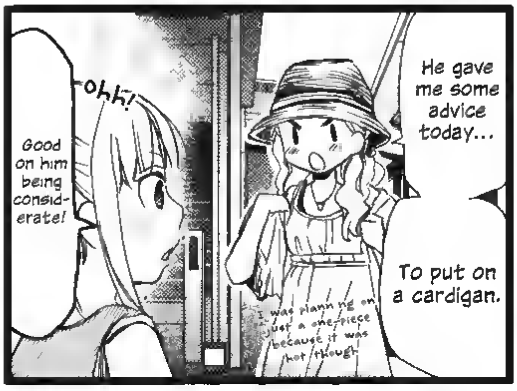
My older sister was home!
Suzu too!
But your hairstyles!
My sister fixed it for me...
Nothing special for me, either!
What the?

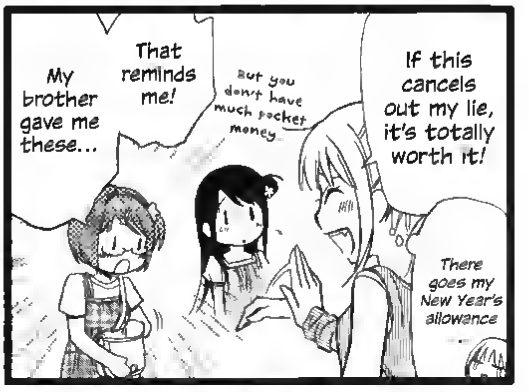
Yay!
Over There!
Which bus?
4v1, huh...
Jet Lucifer WARRIOR

恋愛ラボ

STOP GIVING ME THOSE LOOKS OF PITY, WILL YOU!?
MY BROTHER HAS HIS GOOD POINTS!
Totally different from her weird brother

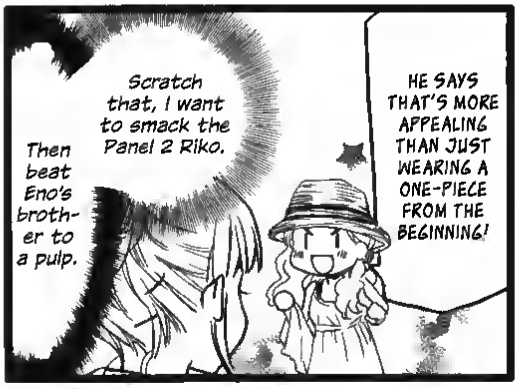
But Riko... is this really all right?
Hey, don't sweat it.
Treating us all to cake?


He gave me some advice today...
To put on a cardigan.
I was planning on just a one-piece because it was hot though!
Ohh!
Good on him being considerate!


My brother gave me these...
That reminds me!
But you don't have much pocket money
If this cancels out my lie, it's totally worth it!
There goes my New Year's allowance

Boy, it's kinda hot.
I'll take this off...

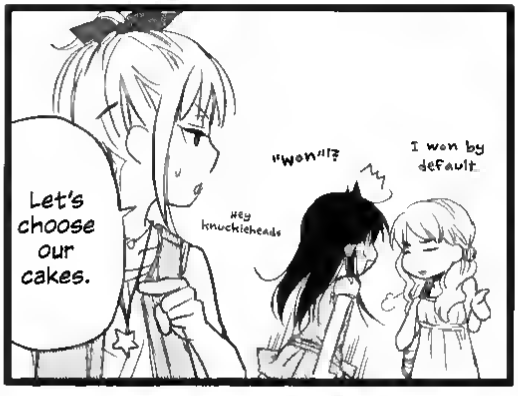
Tickets for free drinks at the shop we're heading to!
So now you just have the cakes!
Free
Free

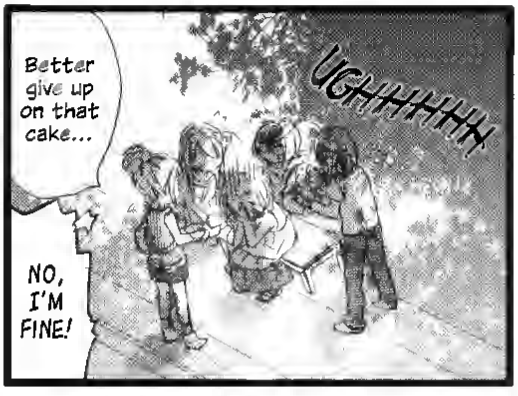

HE SAYS THAT'S MORE APPEALING THAN JUST WEARING A ONE-PIECE FROM THE BEGINNING!
Scratch that, I want to smack the Panel 2 Riko.
Then beat Eno's brother to a pulp.

THANK YOU SISCON BROTHER!
THANK YOU SUZU!!
AND THANK YOU FOR BEING ZCUTE, SUZU!!
I-I haven't done anyth-

What's this stranger talking about?
Okay then, marginal cost please

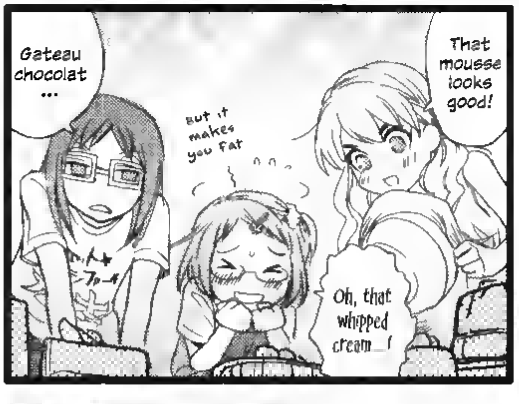
Come to think of it... it's been a while since I've taken the bus.
...
BEEP!
Wait,
You walk to school, don't you?
I take it to go to cram school!
Weren't you...?
I'll buy a card too
Bus-commuter card Team
I wonder... can I take this ticket home without using it?
Probably, you can use mine again!!
Why?
Yup, I've totally forgotten,
That I get carsick really bad.
If this were a real date,
I would want to keep it ...
RRRRR
Hey!
Hang in there, Senpai!
Just a bit longer!
I'd also like to take snapshots of him everywhere. ♡
Which census company are you from?
Naturally, the shop's receipt and pamphlet too, and a paper napkin from our table ♡


Let's choose our cakes.
Hey knuckleheads
"won"!?
I won by default


Better give up on that cake...
NO, I'M FINE!
UGHHHHHH

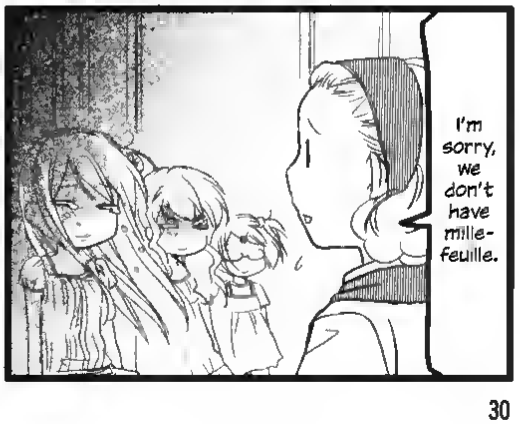
I'M GETTING STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE!
Looks so good
I'M GETTING A FRUIT TART!

I'M DEFINITELY EATING MILLE-FEUILLE!
Feeling better already!
I DEFINITELY WON'T LOSE!
WAIT WHAT ARE WE ...
Nah, you should eat something lighter.

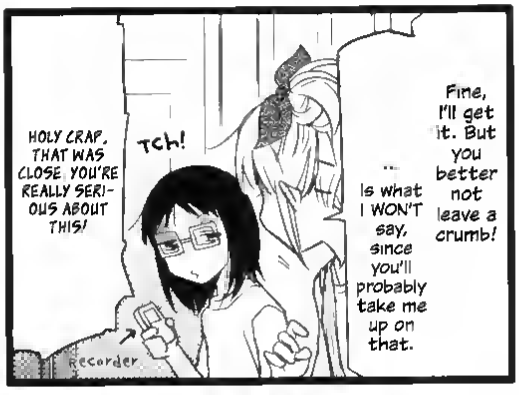

Gateau chocolat ...
That mousse looks good!
But it makes you fat
Oh, that whipped cream...!

I HAVE A HANDICAP TOWARDS HIGH-CALORIE FOODS, TOO!
You're willing to go that far...! I challenge you, senpai.
You guys are nuts.
I'm also weak against it, so we're on even ground!

Hold it, Mizushima-san.
The whole thing, please.


I'm sorry, we don't have mille-feuille.

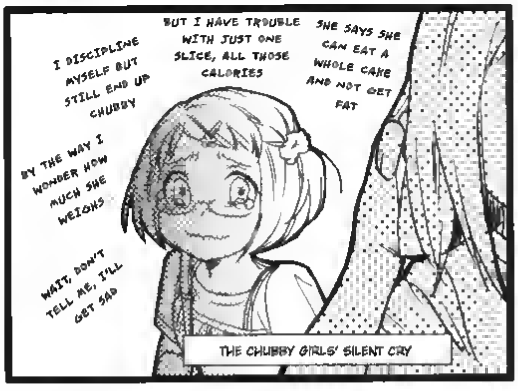
Where should we sit?
Please sit wherever you like!
Aww, cute!


HOLY CRAP, THAT WAS CLOSE. YOU'RE REALLY SERIOUS ABOUT THIS!
Tch!
... Is what I WON'T say, since you'll probably take me up on that.
Fine, I'll get it. But you better not leave a crumb!
Recorder

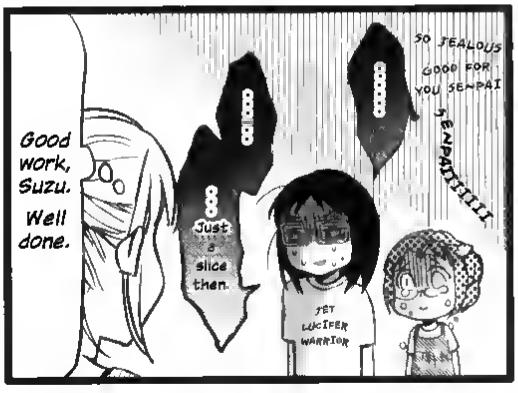
Think of this as a date ...
Beautiful
cute!
Umm ...
So cute!

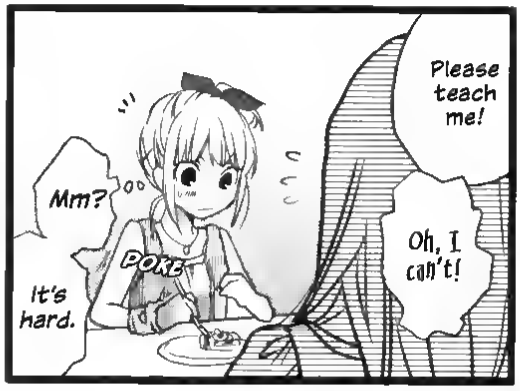
AND YOU'LL GET FAT!
I don't get fat anyway.
It was my childhood dream to eat a whole cake by myself ...
Jet Lucifer Warrior
Please don't use your kouhai's money to achieve that

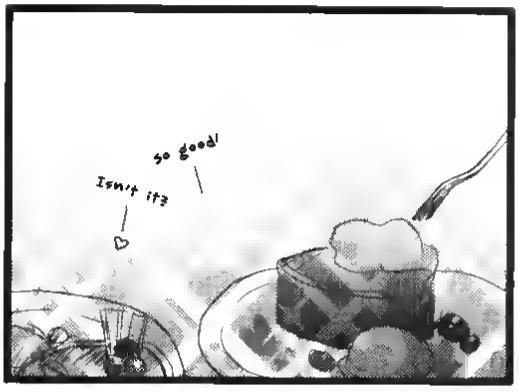
BLUSH
A-
A-nywhere is okay with me...
Whoaaa
I- If
If I am with
you...
FIDGET

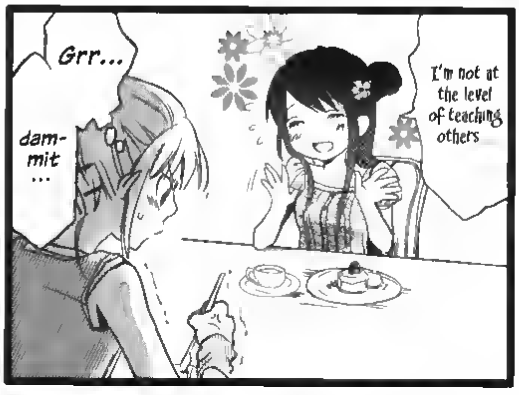

I DISCIPLINE MYSELF BUT STILL END UP CHUBBY
BUT I HAVE TROUBLE WITH JUST ONE SLICE, ALL THOSE CALORIES
SHE SAYS SHE CAN EAT A WHOLE CAKE AND NOT GET FAT
BY THE WAY I WONDER HOW MUCH SHE WEIGHS
WAIT, DON'T TELL ME, I'LL GET SAD
THE CHUBBY GIRLS' SILENT CRY

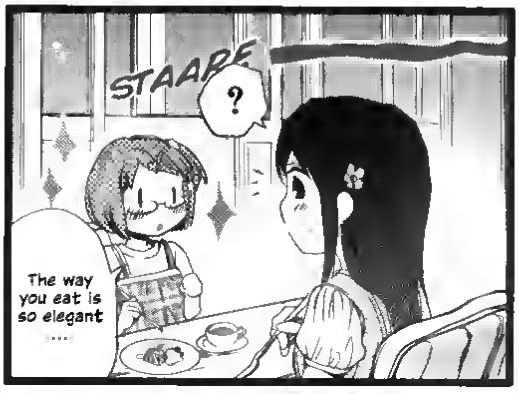
I SAID NO FUNNING AROUND!!
SLAP SLAP SLAP SLAP
Saying it aloud was more embarrassing than I thought!
This is intense...


Good work, Suzu.
Well done.
Just a slice then.
SO JEALOUS
GOOD FOR YOU SEMPAI
SENPAIIIIII
Jet Lucifer Warrior

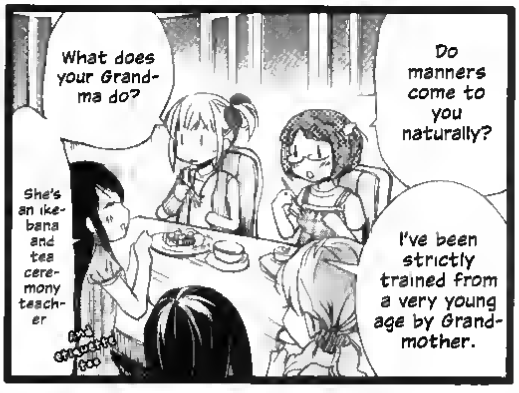

Please teach me!
Mm?
POKE
It's hard.
Oh, I can't!


so good!
Isn't it?


Grr...
dam-mit ...
I'm not at the level of teaching others


STAARE
?
The way you eat is so elegant ....

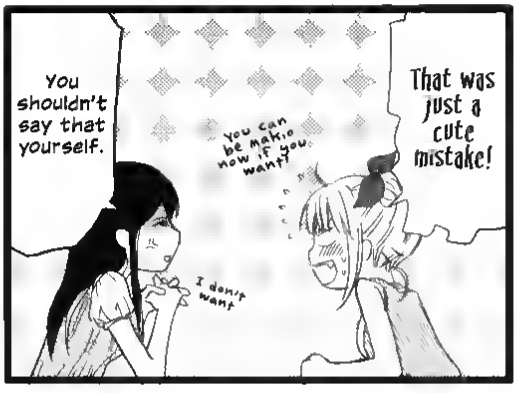
WAP
CLACK
Hmph!


What does your Grand-ma do?
She's an ike-bana and tea cere-mony teach-er
Do manners come to you naturally?
I've been strictly trained from a very young age by Grand-mother.

Extra lessons, Riko.

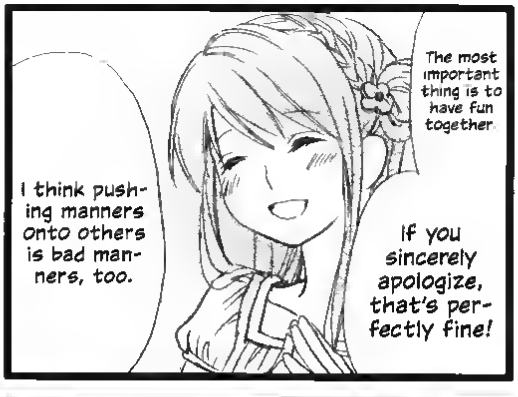
FREEZE
Boy, she totally had you in her hand.
Knowing these things will make you appealing to men
Whenever I got bored and tried to run away, she would say that one phrase...

Even if it didn't hurt, it's bad
Ah,
d-did that hurt? I'm sorry
BRUSH
Gosh, I'm so insensitive... Sorry!


You shouldn't say that yourself.
You can be makio now if you want!
I don't want
That was just a cute mistake!

Eh?
Back to school, Riko!
SMILE
It's the thought that counts, don't worry about it.

OH, SHUT IT! A MISTAKE LIKE THIS.
You should limit your failures to our school exams.
IT'S LIKE THE MILLE-FEUILLE CASE!


The most important thing is to have fun together.
I think pushing manners onto others is bad manners, too.
If you sincerely apologize, that's perfectly fine!

OH MY, I'M SUCH A..
SO EMBARRASSING! ♡

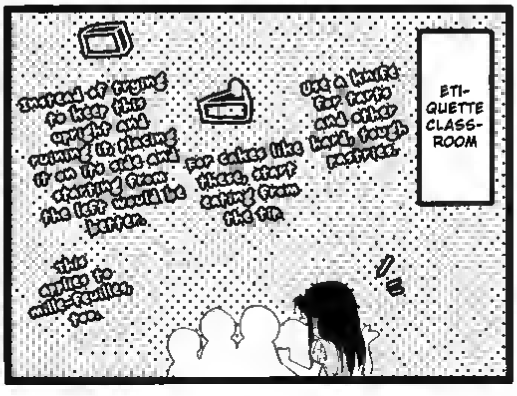
BUT IT WOULD BE REALLY BAD IF THIS HAPPENED ON A FIRST DATE.
INDEED

EXPELLED, RIKO.

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR TODAY!
IT WAS SO FUN!
Treat us again if you want.

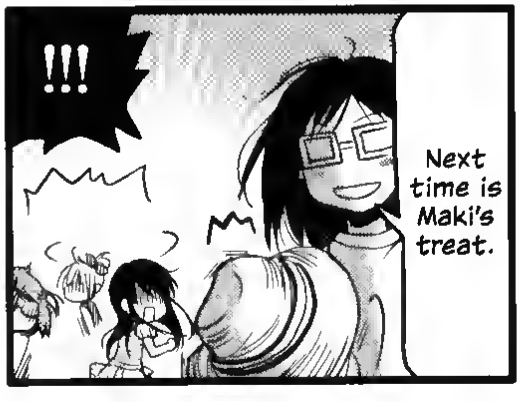
I DON'T WANT TO BE A RIKO!
HOW CAN WE STOP THE SPREAD!?
GIVE US RIKO VACCINES!
WHAT AM I, A DISEASE!?

THANK YOU!
I was making up for lying to them.
But they've totally forgotten about that.


ETI-QUETTE CLASS-ROOM
Instead of trying to keep the spirit and running it's placing it on its own and starting from the left would be better.
For cakes like these, start eating from the fit
Use a knife for forks and other hard, tough textures.
This applies to milk-pudding, too.

Geez,
Those dummies...

True.
It feels strange when I'm the one who's teaching


!!!
Next time is Maki's treat.

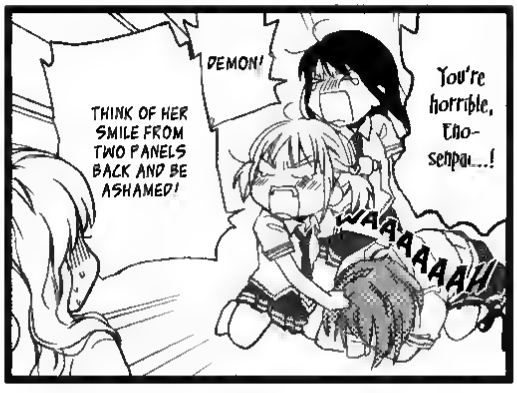
That's not it.
I think...
THIS MUST MEAN MY LOVE LEVEL IS STEADILY RISING!

恋愛ラボ
YO
YOU'RE LATE!
WHAT'S UP, GUYS?
What's this, a surprize party for underwear thieves?
Huh?
Thanks for your work!
RIKO!

How it covers your body is important!
Should be tank top bikinis.
Do pipings still show after you put them on?
"Summer Kite"...
SUMMER KITE
These are brand new swimsuits from True Tree.
THAT'S REALLY IMPORTANT!
Oh yeah.
Then the chest...
It's a new series for teens.
SERI-OUS-LY!?
Since I got quite a few, I thought I'd share!
So those distract from your chest size?
The frilled and shirred ones, too!
AND THE TYPE YOU TIE BEHIND YOUR NECK!
I HEAR DECORATIONS AROUND THE CHEST ARE NICE!
WOW, AWESOME!
Thanks a bunch
By the way,
It's NatsuHO.
SUMMER KITE
Is your sister's name "Natsudako"?

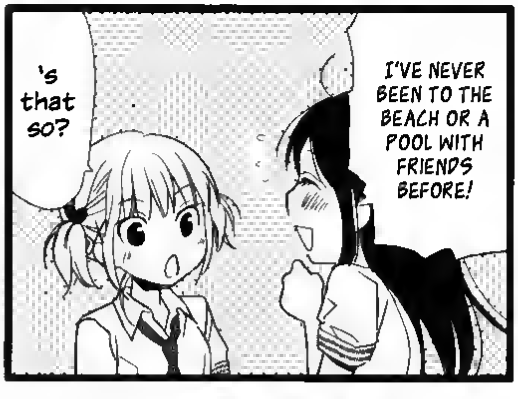
ho = canvas sail dako/tako = kite

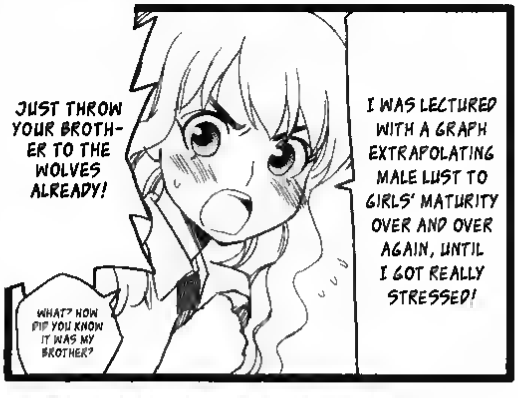
Let's go to the beach! Pool would be nice, too.
It's almost summer break, so


DEMON!
You're horrible, Tho-senpai...!
THINK OF HER SMILE FROM TWO PANELS BACK AND BE ASHAMED!
WAAAAAAH!

Y-YES
I WOULD LOVE TO!
WITH EVERY-ONE!?

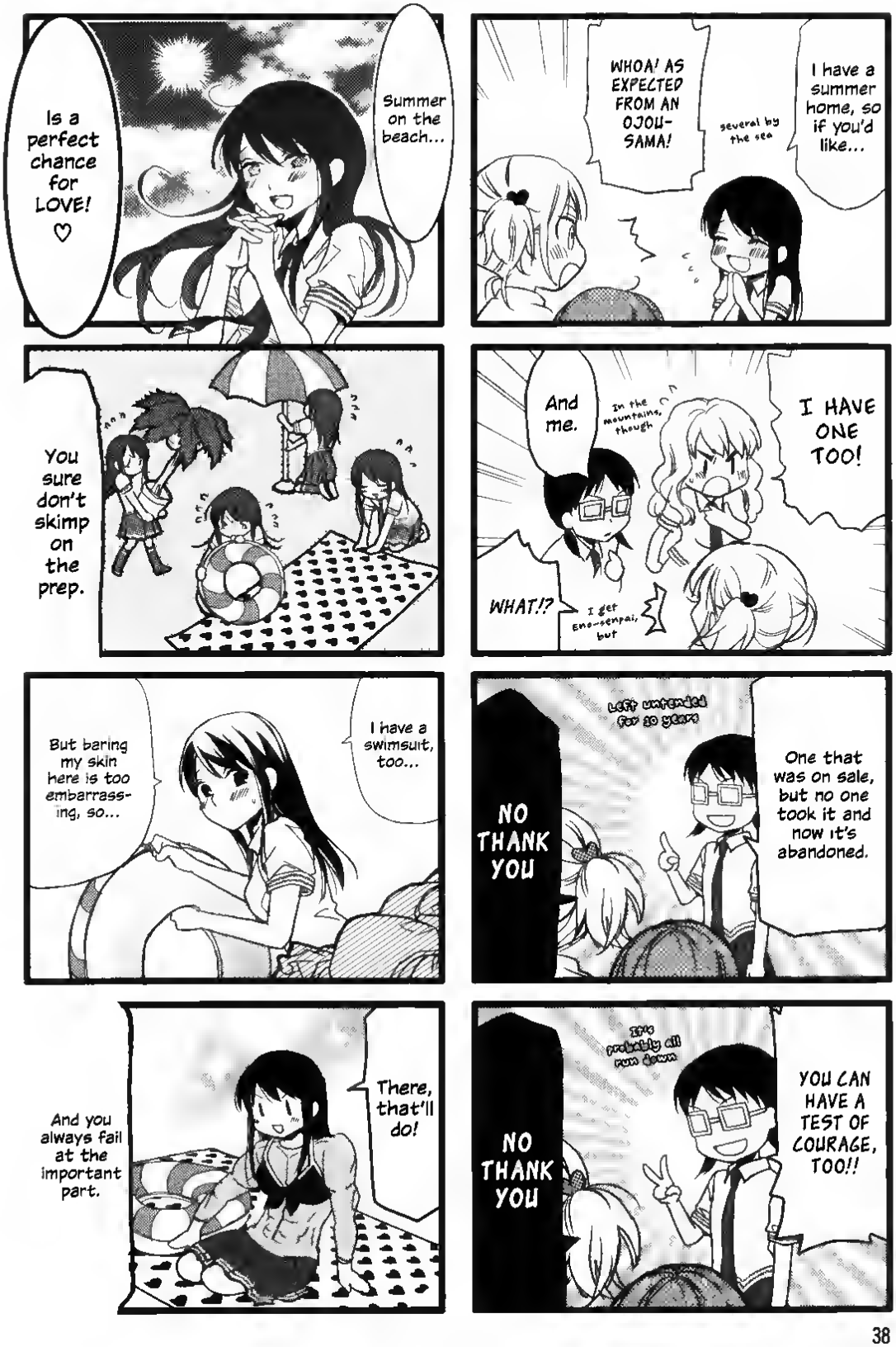
WHEN I WAS AT THE BEACH LAST YEAR,
AND I'M NOT BEING MEAN EITHER!
W-WH WHAT ARE YOU-
MAKI AND RIKO ARE PRETTY BIG TOO!


's that so?
I'VE NEVER BEEN TO THE BEACH OR A POOL WITH FRIENDS BEFORE!


JUST THROW YOUR BROTH-ER TO THE WOLVES ALREADY!
I WAS LECTURED WITH A GRAPH EXTRAPOLATING MALE LUST TO GIRLS' MATURITY OVER AND OVER AGAIN, UNTIL I GOT REALLY STRESSED!
WHAT? HOW DID YOU KNOW IT WAS MY BROTHER?

C-calm down, girl.
WHEN SHOULD WE GO? THE FIRST DAY? EVERYDAY!? EVERY OTHER DAY!!?

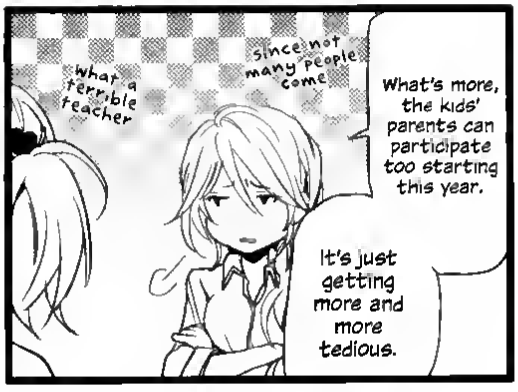
Eh
IMPLICITLY DECLARED COMRADES!
Wouldn't it be nice to get stressed about things like that, Sayo-senpai...?

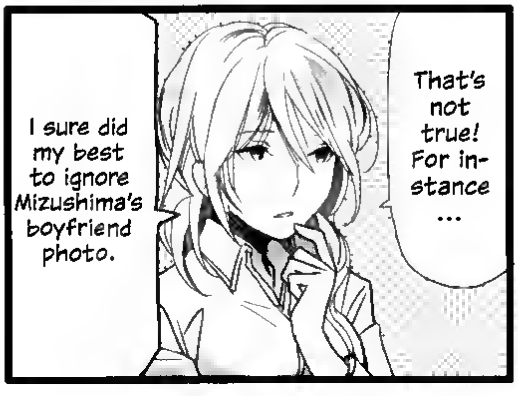

Summer on the beach...
Is a perfect chance for LOVE! ♡
WHOA! AS EXPECTED FROM AN OJOU-SAMA!
several by the sea
I have a summer home, so if you'd like...
You sure don't skimp on the prep.
And me.
In the mountains, though
I HAVE ONE TOO!
WHAT!?
I get Eno-senpai, but
I have a swimsuit, too...
But baring my skin here is too embarrass-ing, so...
Left unattended for 20 years
NO THANK YOU
One that was on sale, but no one took it and now it's abandoned.
There, that'll do!
And you always fail at the important part.
It's probably all run down
NO THANK YOU
YOU CAN HAVE A TEST OF COURAGE, TOO!!

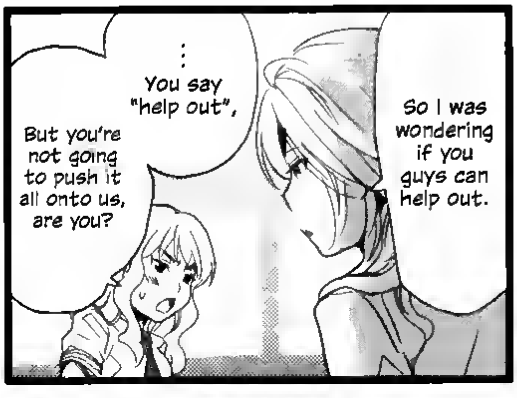
Well ...
oh, please don't come any closer
But if he's putting the lotion on, what are you practicing for?
I couldn't find a "Girl" costume.
Should've given up then.
This,
can you... get my back...?
FIDGET
FIDGET
But there's this scene I really want to practice ...
And this...
cover my back... please
Where I'm at a beach with a wonderful lover...
And under the parasol ...
I'm fighting the urge to kick something really bad...
Ah, sorry.
I'm trying out sexy poses!
Not body oil, then?
The really shiny kind
KYAAA
I HAVE HIM RUB SUNTAN LOTION ON ME!!

At an outdoor facility owned by Fuji Middle?
You know we have a Star-gazing Party every summer break,
AND CONTINUE!
I'll add some summer sun with this light ...
Was there some problem?
CRAMPED
Oh yeah, we had some-thing like that
It's free participation, but I didn't go last year.
CRASH
KNOCK KNOCK!
IT'S SUGI-HARA-
This year I ended up being in charge, but...
K-CHAK
Maki ...
I'm sorry we kept you waiting.
It's such a damn bother ...
I'VE BEEN TRAINING!
tight
You've bulked up a bit.

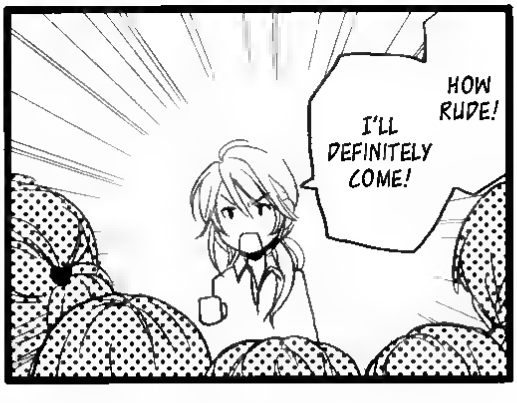
I'll do my best with the other things.
MA'AM... YOUR JOB CAN'T BE JUST "PARTICIPATING"
And your "doing best" is probably nothing


what a terrible teacher
since not many people come
What's more, the kids' parents can participate too starting this year.
It's just getting more and more tedious.

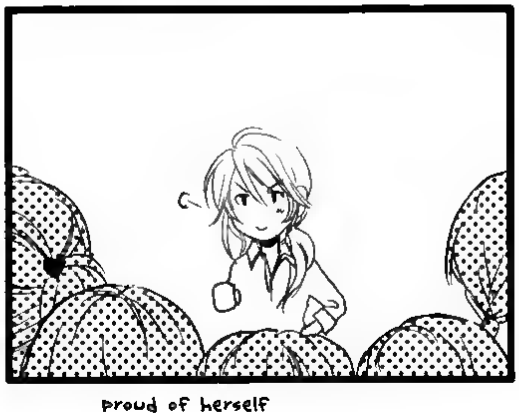

I sure did my best to ignore Mizushima's boyfriend photo.
That's not true! For instance ...


So I was wondering if you guys can help out.
You say "help out",
But you're not going to push it all onto us, are you?

I'm also doing my best to look the other way for a certain fun newspaper,

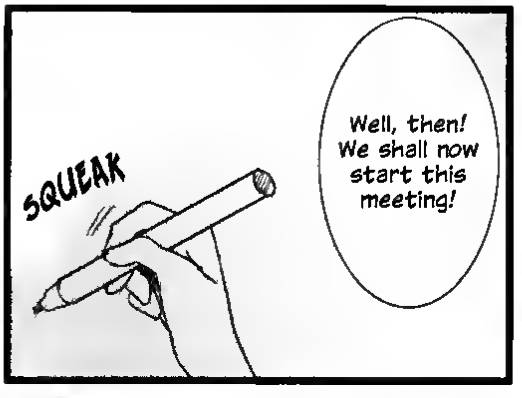

HOW RUDE!
I'LL DEFINITELY COME!

WOW, YOU'RE REALLY AMAZING!
And keeping quiet about how Maki is actually macho and wears flashy bras would take some effort, too.
It's not a bra, it's a SWIMSUIT!


proud of herself

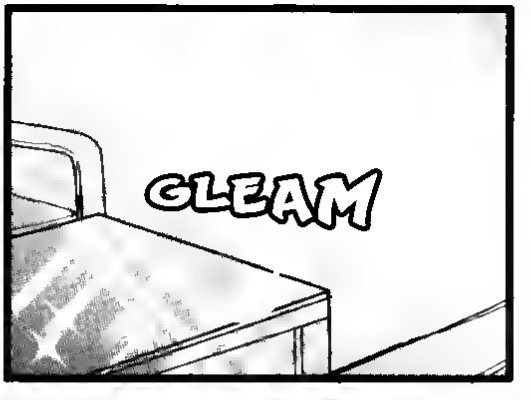
In light of our Council being entrusted with work,
We can't afford to be lightheaded!

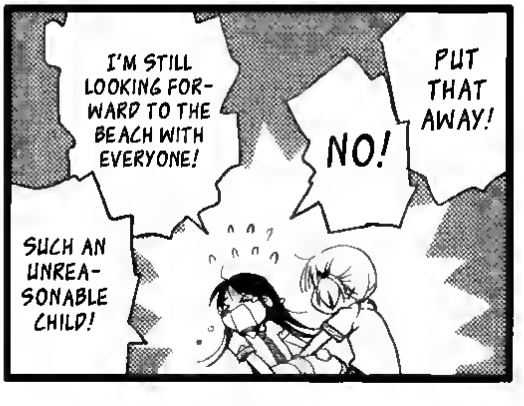
Anyway, I'll leave the participants' paperwork to you.
IT'S ALL YOURS
Oh, and props that don't cost money, and other stuff too. 'kay, thanks.

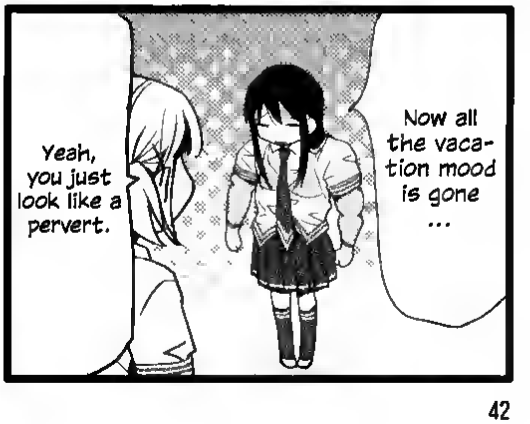

Well, then! We shall now start this meeting!
SQUEAK

We've got debts to Suginara-sensei ...
cannot be helped
Summer love labs are on hold for now.
Let's clean up

First, the stargazing party is-
NATSUO-CHAN.

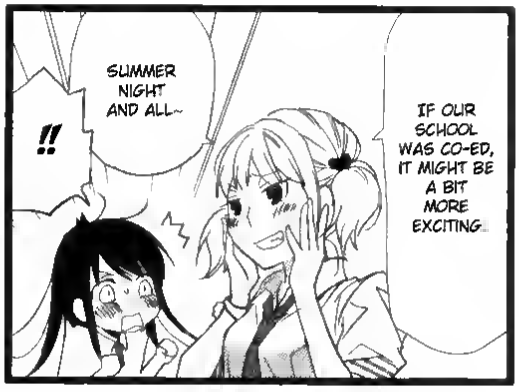

GLEAM


I'M STILL LOOKING FORWARD TO THE BEACH WITH EVERYONE!
NO!
PUT THAT AWAY!
SUCH AN UNREASONABLE CHILD!


Yeah, you just look like a pervert.
Now all the vacation mood is gone ...

恋愛ラボ
THE STORY SO FAR: THE WIDELY ADMIRED STUDENT COUNCIL
WILL BE DIRECTING THE STARGAZING PARTY SUMMER EVENT IN MY PLACE!
THEY'RE AMAZING! THE BEST! THEY'RE FUJI MIDDLE'S STUDENT COUNCIL!
YOU'RE NOT EVEN HIDING THE FACT THAT YOU'RE PUSHING THIS ALL ON US.
AND ON TOP OF THAT, GET THIS:
SOUNDS PRETTY BORING
NO WONDER NOT MANY PEOPLE COME.
WHO KNOWS? I'VE NEVER GONE BEFORE.
SAME
WHAT DO YOU ACTUALLY DO AT THE STARGAZING PARTY, ANYWAY?
THAT'S IT?
WE DO HAVE A BIG TELESCOPE, YOU KNOW?
YOU EAT LUNCH WHILE LOOKING AT SUMMER CONSTELLATIONS THROUGH A TELESCOPE...
THAT'S NORMAL.
You have to take a BUS to get there.
GETS BUS-SICK EASILY

WHAT DO YOU MEAN, SOMETHING BOLD?
BUT THIS IS A SCHOOL EVENT SO WE CAN'T DO ANYTHING BOLD--
YOU PERV <3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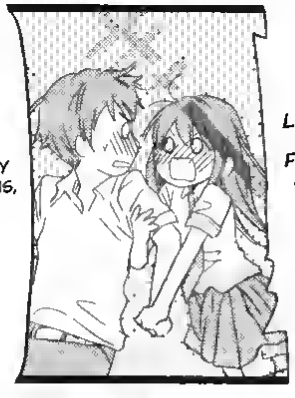
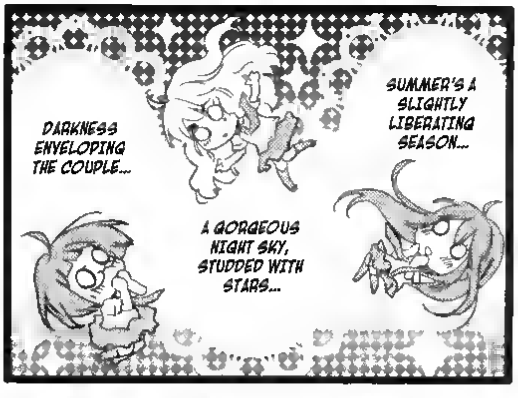
SUMMER NIGHT AND ALL~
IF OUR SCHOOL WAS CO-ED, IT MIGHT BE A BIT MORE EXCITING...

YOU'RE SPOUTING SOME CRAZY THINGS THERE.
CALM DOWN
Y-y-you've got it wrong! I just want to artificially cause a stimulating experience barely within wholesomeness!

That's a pretty nice situation
N-now that you mention it


THAT'S WAY TOO OBVIOUS, GIRL.
LIKE WHEN YOU GRAB A FRIEND'S HAND IN THE DARK, AND YOU GO "YIKES! IT'S THAT GUY I LIKE!"


DARKNESS ENVELOPING THE COUPLE...
SUMMER'S A SLIGHTLY LIBERATING SEASON...
A GORGEOUS NIGHT SKY, STUDDED WITH STARS...

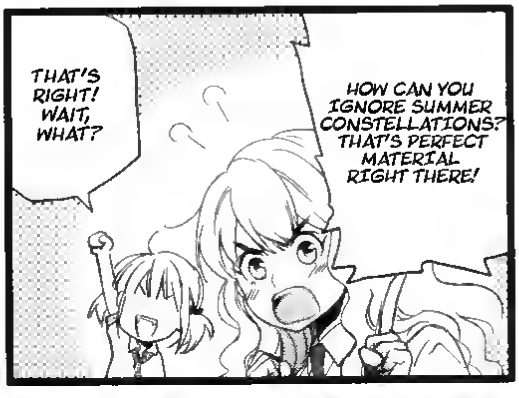
THAT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH BEING IN THE DARK!
OR WHEN YOU FALL DOWN THE STAIRS IN THE DARK, AND YOU'VE SWITCHED BODIES!

GIVE IT BACK.
CASH GETTING DROPPED ACCIDENTALLY...
THE GUY DOESN'T NOTICE, AND I PICK THEM UP...

THAT GASP IS JUST AWFUL!
STOP IT, THAT'S AWFUL!
KYAAA
So he'll say, "I'm glad I wasn't Hikoboshi. I can see you anytime... gasp w-wait, forget what I said!"

THAT'S RIGHT! SHE'S RIGHT!
NONE OF THOSE FANTASIES HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH STARGAZING!

UNFORTUNATELY, OUR SCHOOL IS GIRLS-ONLY!
STOP! NO PRINCE TALKING
MY BAD FOR BRINGING UP SOMETHING WEIRD!


THAT'S RIGHT! WAIT, WHAT?
HOW CAN YOU IGNORE SUMMER CONSTELLATIONS? THAT'S PERFECT MATERIAL RIGHT THERE!

VERY WELL...
LET'S SET UP SOME EASY PLAN AND GO WITH THAT.

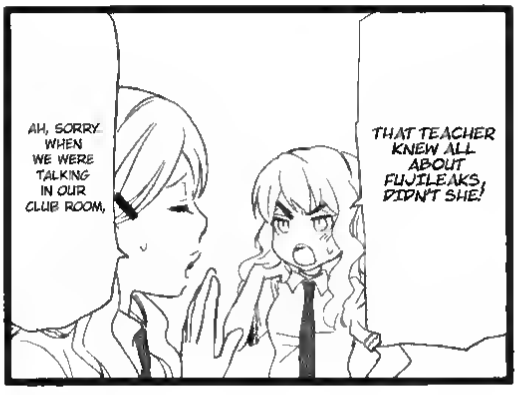
WHEN YOU SAY CONSTELLATIONS, YOU THINK OF THE SUMMER TRIANGLE, VEGA AND ALTAIR... THAT'S RIGHT, ORIHIME AND HIKOBOSHI. FIRST

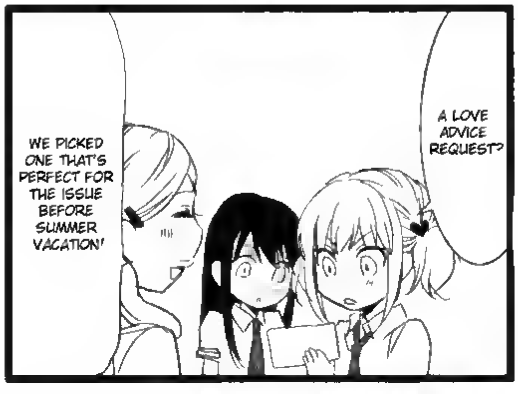
THAT'S PRETTY LARGE-SCALE.
WE'LL MAKE THIS SCHOOL CO-ED

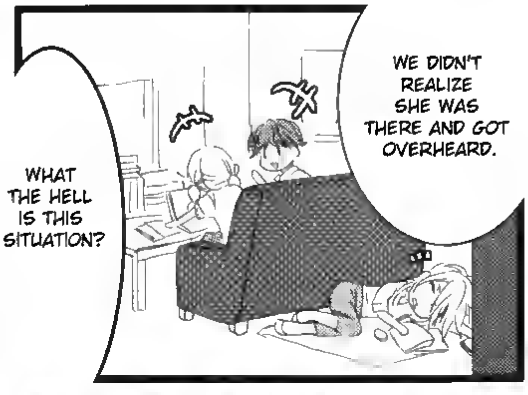
SINCE WE SAW ENO AT FULL THROTTLE
IT'S BEEN A WHILE

--HEY,
Hm?
IS THAT AN SLR!?
Hehe~ <3
*STEP *STEP
..THE NEWSPAPER CLUB AGAIN?
TANAHASHI-SAN'S BROTHER DONATED IT TO US!
IT'S AN OLD ONE, THOUGH...
GOOD FOR YOU
SUZU'S BRO IS SO NICE...
WHAT'S WITH THAT USELESS POSE?
*K-CHAK
I'LL REPAY HIM BY TAKING SNEAK SHOTS OF HER!
HE MADE LOTS OF REQUESTS, LIKE HER DAILY LIFE AND WORK!
...IS WHAT I WANT TO SAY, BUT HE'S THE SAME AS EVER.
COOL POSES ARE A MUST FOR ESPIONAGE!
ESPIONAGE WORKS BEST WHEN YOU DON'T GET CAUGHT.

OH, AND THIS!
WE'LL HELP WITH THE STARGAZING PARTY TOO!


AH, SORRY. WHEN WE WERE TALKING IN OUR CLUB ROOM,
THAT TEACHER KNEW ALL ABOUT FUJILEAKS, DIDN'T SHE!


A LOVE ADVICE REQUEST?
WE PICKED ONE THAT'S PERFECT FOR THE ISSUE BEFORE SUMMER VACATION!


WE DIDN'T REALIZE SHE WAS THERE AND GOT OVERHEARD.
WHAT THE HELL IS THIS SITUATION?

"I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO FALL IN LOVE, BUT I'VE NEVER HAD THE CHANCE! HOW DO I FIND A ROMANTIC ENCOUNTER?"
FRANK
LET'S SEE ..

*Hip
"I LIKE LYING DOWN IN NARROW SPACES."
...THAT WAS HER EXPLAIN-ATION.
SHE LIKES IT BETWEEN THE SOFA AND THE BOOKCASE

LET'S GO CO-ED!!
NOT A CHANCE!

IT WOULD BE AWFUL IF WE SHOWED THIS TO THE STAFF.
OOH, YOU'RE HASTY.
BUT DON'T WORRY, WE'VE GOT HER WEAKNESS TOO!
Not as much as you~

I'm so sorry for everything, Riko
DON'T APOLOGIZE, BITCH
MAN, I FEEL A LOT BETTER! HAHAHA, WHAT'S WITH THAT LOOK?
I ALWAYS WANTED TO SAY SOMETHING...
WHENEVER WE HAD SOMETHING LIKE THIS IN OUR LOVE LABS
MOST OF THE STUDENTS HERE DON'T HAVE MALE FRIENDS
AN ENCOUNTER, HUH? GETTING PICKED UP ON THE STREET WOULD BE DANGEROUS
HOW ABOUT A FRIEND OF A FRIEND?
SO I CAN SAY IT WITH ALL MY MIGHT.
I'M NOT LIVING A LIE ANYMORE,
THEN MAYBE, THE BROTHER OF A FRIEND...
SIGH
WHY ARE YOU LOOKING AWAY,
huh? May I ask?
おおおo
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おおおo
I WANT TO KNOW TOO!
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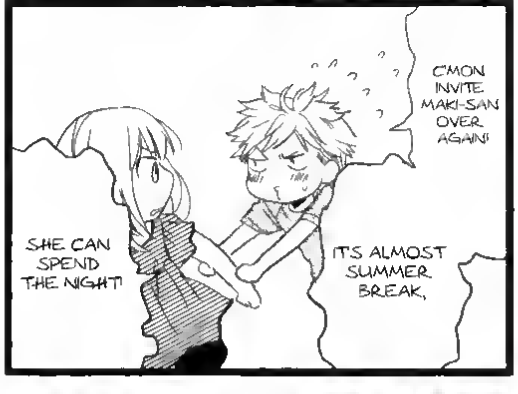
DON'T TAKE YOUR ANGER OUT ON ME JUST 'CAUSE YOU'RE NOT POPULAR!
TRY TAKING SOME TIPS FROM MAKI-SAN!

DING DONG
Besides chances for starting relationships
don't happen very often

THAT PURE, GENTLE SMILE.
IT'S PERFECT.

REN-KUN! I BAKED SOME COOKIES. HAVE SOME!
IN COOKING CLUB
AND DON'T COME OVER
You're so cold and Meeeeee-eeeean!
NO THANKS, I DON'T REALLY LIKE THEM.

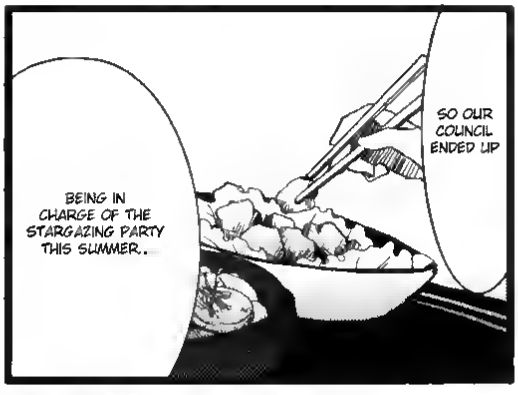

C'MON INVITE MAKI-SAN OVER AGAIN!
SHE CAN SPEND THE NIGHT!
IT'S ALMOST SUMMER BREAK.

TALKING TO GIRLS WEARS ME OUT..
THEY'RE NOT NORMAL..
Ren,

THIS KID MIGHT ACTUALLY BE A GOOD FIT FOR MAKI...
EH?!
YOU'RE MORE BEAUTIFUL THAN THOSE FIREWORKS, MAKI-SAN

LET YOUR DEAR SISTER RELIEVE SOME OF THAT STRESS.
RELIEVING STRESS WITH A HARISEN? THAT'S ORIGINAL OF YOU
WITH HARISEN MAGIC

IF PARENTS ARE ALLOWED, WHY NOT SIBLINGS!?
SIBLINGS ATTENDING A SCHOOL EVENT..?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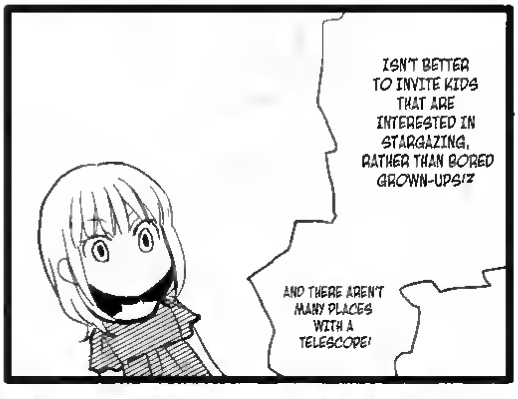
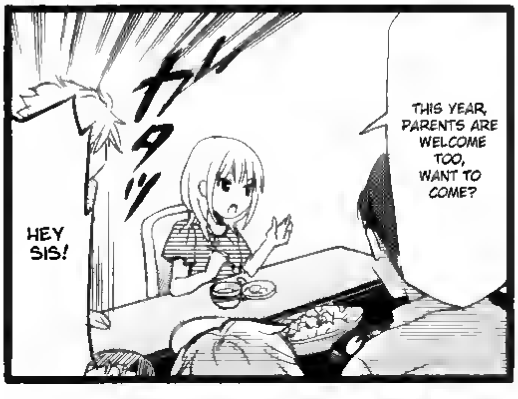
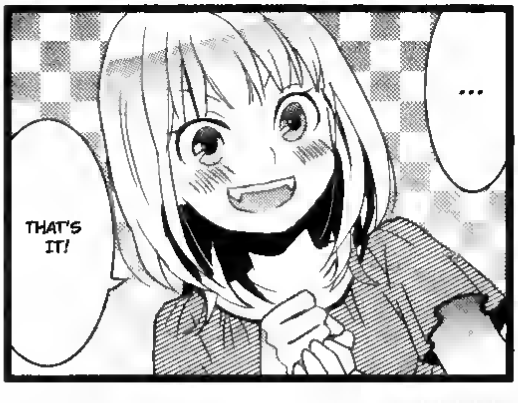
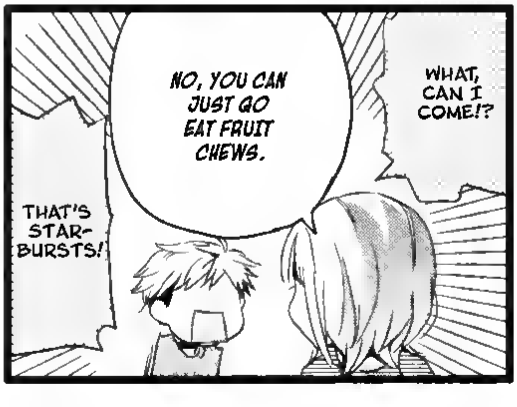
BEING IN CHARGE OF THE STARGAZING PARTY THIS SUMMER..


ISN'T BETTER TO INVITE KIDS THAT ARE INTERESTED IN STARGAZING, RATHER THAN BORED GROWN-UPS!?
AND THERE AREN'T MANY PLACES WITH A TELESCOPE!


HEY SIS!
THIS YEAR, PARENTS ARE WELCOME TOO, WANT TO COME?


...
THAT'S IT!

CAN SIBLINGS COME!?

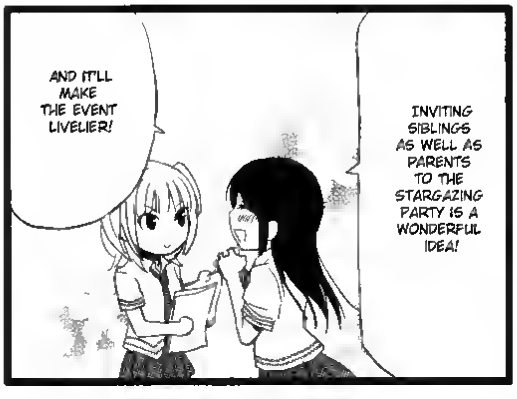

WHAT, CAN I COME!?
NO, YOU CAN JUST GO EAT FRUIT CHEWS.
THAT'S STAR-BURSTS!

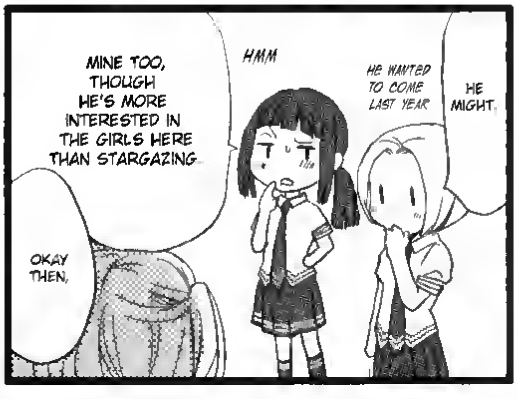
I FREAKING LOVE STARS AND EVERY-THING! I'M TRYING TO GET THE NICKNAME "STAR KING", TOO!
JUST GO PLAY THAT STUPID GAME WITH ALIEN BUGS AND ROBOT SOLDIERS.
THAT'S STAR-CRAFT!

恋愛ラボ
Due to her boyish charm, Kurahashi Riko is secretly quite popular.
TACHIGI AND ENDO, RIGHT? YOU WERE IN YEAR 1 CLASS A LAST YEAR?
DO YOU TWO HAVE A MINUTE?
H-HOW MAY WE HELP YOU?
YOU WENT TO LAST YEAR'S STARGAZING PARTY, RIGHT?
WE'RE IN THE SAME GRADE
ARE YOU GOING AGAIN THIS YEAR?
YES... PRO-BABLY,
OKAY. DO YOU GUYS HAVE ANY BROTHERS?
I'VE A BROTHER TWO YEARS YOUNGER AND ONE THAT'S A YEAR OLDER THAN ME.
'S THAT RIGHT?
ARE THEY COOL?
EH... UH...
THANKS...
Kurahashi-san is so much cooler!!!

RIKO!
WE GOT EXCELLENT RESULTS FROM OUR RESEARCH!

SO, IF WE INVITED YOUR BROTHERS TO THE STARGAZING PARTY, WOULD THEY COME?
EH?

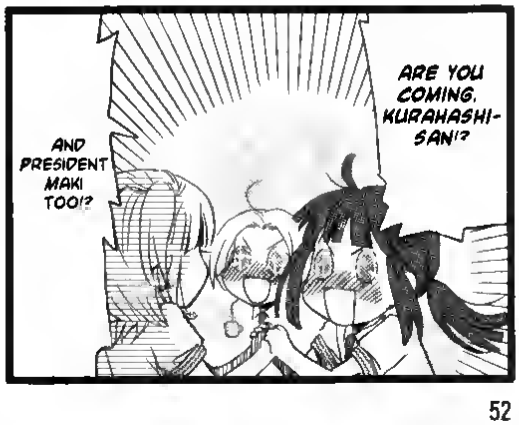

INVITING SIBLINGS AS WELL AS PARENTS TO THE STARGAZING PARTY IS A WONDERFUL IDEA!
AND IT'LL MAKE THE EVENT LIVELIER!


HE MIGHT.
HE WANTED TO COME LAST YEAR
HMM
MINE TOO, THOUGH HE'S MORE INTERESTED IN THE GIRLS HERE THAN STARGAZING
OKAY THEN,

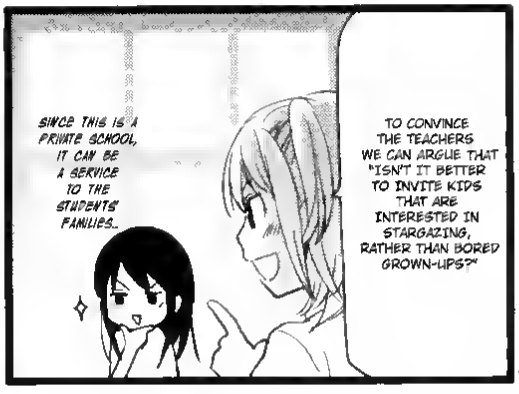
WE GOT AN ANSWER TO THE ENCOUNTER QUESTION, TOO!
THOUGH IT'S TOO BAD IF SHE CAN'T GO

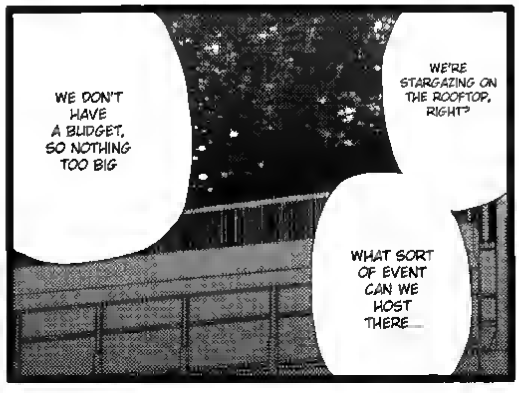
WHAT IF OTHER STUDENTS BROUGHT THEIR BROTHERS IN?
THERE MIGHT BE SOME COOL GUYS TOO~
... THAT'S PRETTY EXCITING
AND SISTERS OF COURSE
BUT WAIT,

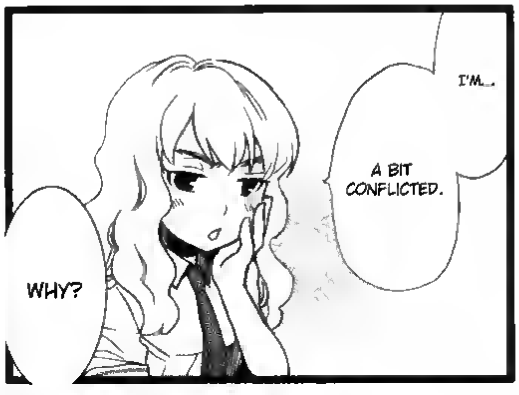
AND ON TOP OF EVERYTHING, WE CAN'T WAIT EITHER!!
KYAAAAAA
I don't really care...

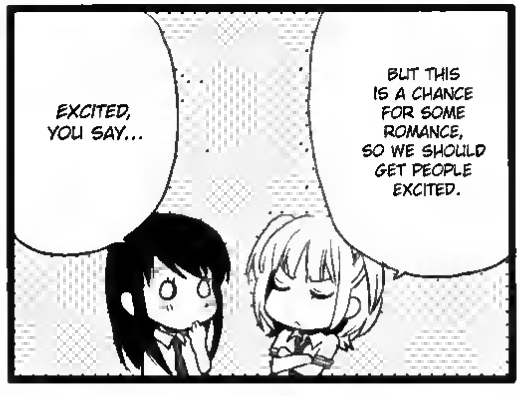

ARE YOU COMING, KURAHASHI-SAN!?
AND PRESIDENT MAKI TOO!?

SHOULD WE HAVE SOME KIND OF AN EVENT?
HORROR STORIES ASIDE,
WAIT, WHAT!?
SHIVER


SINCE THIS IS A PRIVATE SCHOOL, IT CAN BE A SERVICE TO THE STUDENTS' FAMILIES...
TO CONVINCE THE TEACHERS WE CAN ARGUE THAT "ISN'T IT BETTER TO INVITE KIDS THAT ARE INTERESTED IN STARGAZING, RATHER THAN BORED GROWN-UPS?"
YOU'RE JUST REUSING MY LINE!


WE DON'T HAVE A BUDGET, SO NOTHING TOO BIG
WE'RE STARGAZING ON THE ROOFTOP, RIGHT?
WHAT SORT OF EVENT CAN WE HOST THERE...

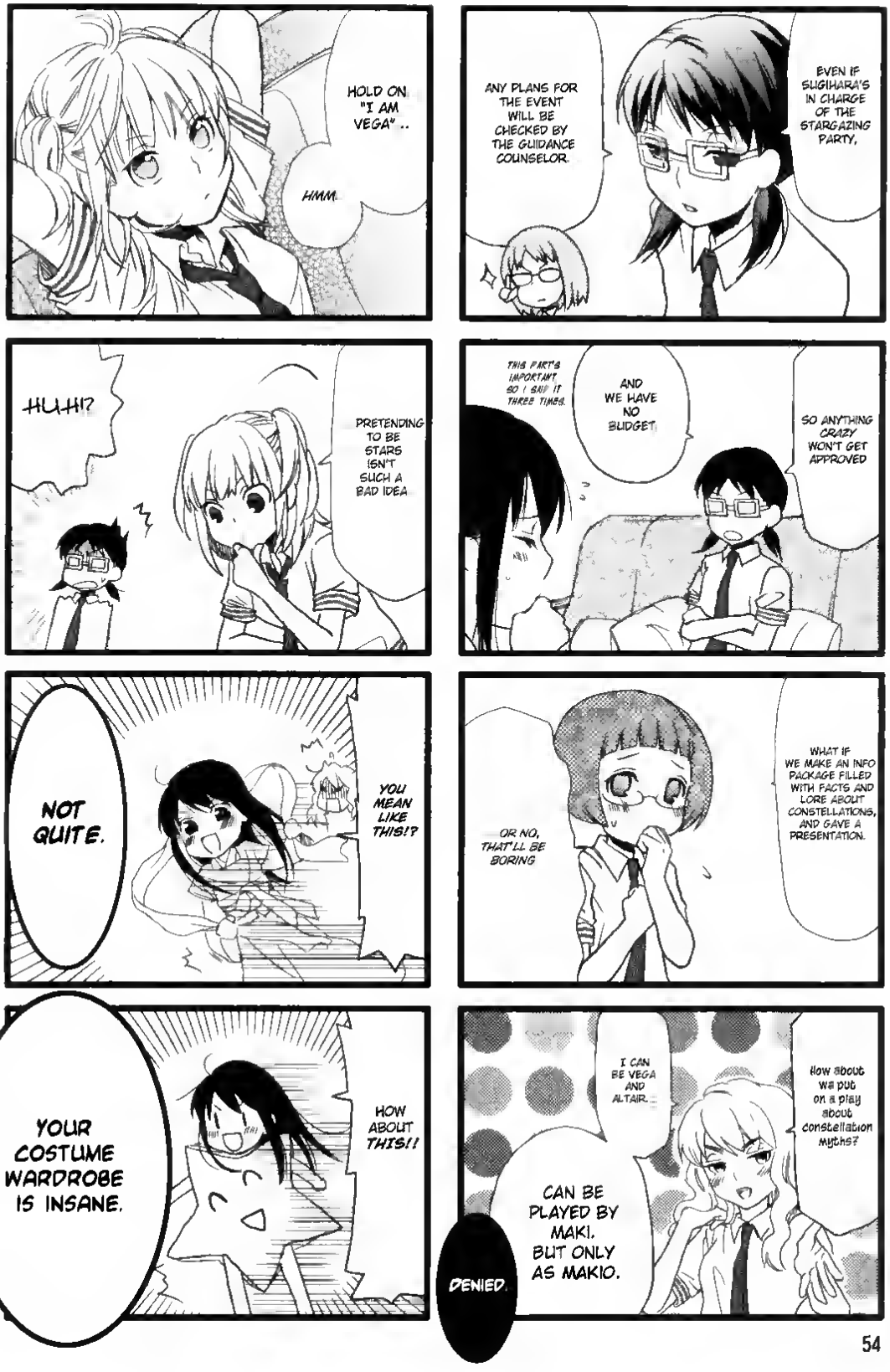

I'M...
A BIT CONFLICTED.
WHY?


EXCITED, YOU SAY...
BUT THIS IS A CHANCE FOR SOME ROMANCE, SO WE SHOULD GET PEOPLE EXCITED.

WHAT IF ONE OF YOU GUYS ENDED UP FALLING FOR MY BROTHER?
THEN I'LL HAVE TO CALL YOU BIG SIS FROM NOW ON, AND...

BONFIRE & FIREWORKS!!
THEN WE CAN'T SEE THE STARS.
AND WE STILL HAVE NO BUDGET.
WHAP
WHAP
AND IT'S DANGEROUS!...
WHAP
IT'LL DISTURB THE NEIGHBORHOOD!

Maki and Suzu also learned the slapstick technique: "Delusion Breaker"!
RIP
RIKO MAKES OUT!

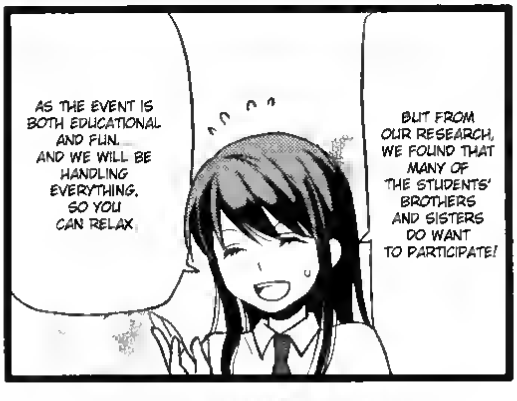

HOLD ON. "I AM VEGA" ..
HMM.
ANY PLANS FOR THE EVENT WILL BE CHECKED BY THE GUIDANCE COUNSELOR.
EVEN IF SUGIHARA'S IN CHARGE OF THE STARGAZING PARTY,
HUH!?
PRETENDING TO BE STARS ISN'T SUCH A BAD IDEA
THIS PART'S IMPORTANT, SO I SAID IT THREE TIMES.
AND WE HAVE NO BUDGET.
SO ANYTHING CRAZY WON'T GET APPROVED
NOT QUITE.
YOU MEAN LIKE THIS!?
OR NO, THAT'LL BE BORING
WHAT IF WE MAKE AN INFO PACKAGE FILLED WITH FACTS AND LORE ABOUT CONSTELLATIONS, AND GAVE A PRESENTATION.
YOUR COSTUME WARDROBE IS INSANE.
HOW ABOUT THIS!!
I CAN BE VEGA AND ALTAIR...
How about we put on a play about constellation myths?
DENIED.
CAN BE PLAYED BY MAKI. BUT ONLY AS MAKIO.

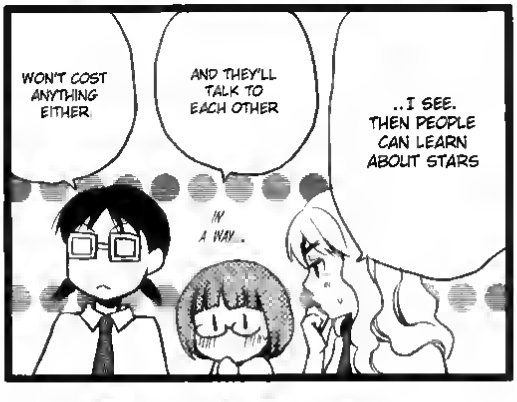
AND DOING THIS. .
SO YOU'RE INVITING OUR STUDENTS' SIBLINGS
STARGAZING ITINERARY

THE GIRLS AT OUR SCHOOL ARE REALLY SHY, SO THERE'S NO WAY THEY CAN CASUALLY START CONVERSATIONS
LOOK EVEN IF WE BROUGHT IN THE BOYS,

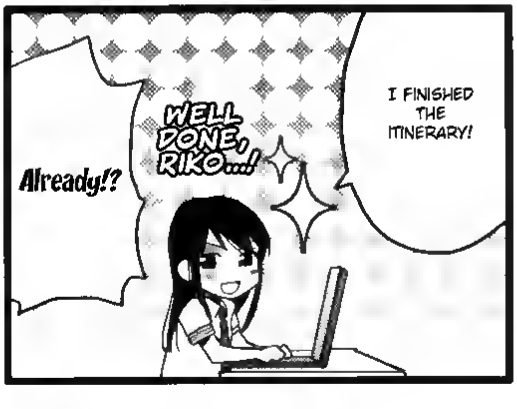
You're not doing anything...
MAN, WHAT A BOTHER...

SO HERE'S WHAT WE'LL DO...


AS THE EVENT IS BOTH EDUCATIONAL AND FUN. AND WE WILL BE HANDLING EVERYTHING, SO YOU CAN RELAX.
BUT FROM OUR RESEARCH, WE FOUND THAT MANY OF THE STUDENTS' BROTHERS AND SISTERS DO WANT TO PARTICIPATE!


WON'T COST ANYTHING EITHER.
AND THEY'LL TALK TO EACH OTHER
IN A WAY..
..I SEE. THEN PEOPLE CAN LEARN ABOUT STARS

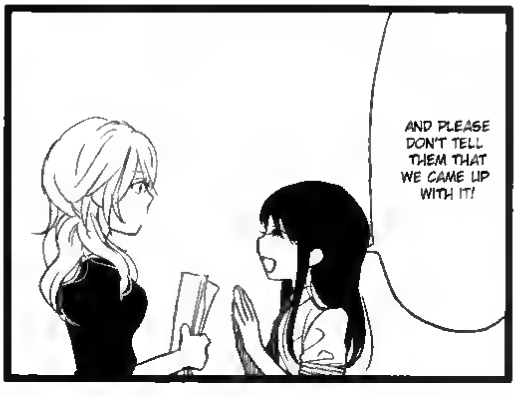
SOME TEACHER...
IT'S WELL THOUGHT OUT
I LIKE THIS PLAN!


Already!?
WELL DONE, RIKO...!
I FINISHED THE ITINERARY!

FEELS GREAT TO BE PRAISED WITHOUT WORKING! I'M OFF
THAT'S A TERRIBLE THING FOR A TEACHER TO SAY, BUT WHATEVER, GOOD LUCK!

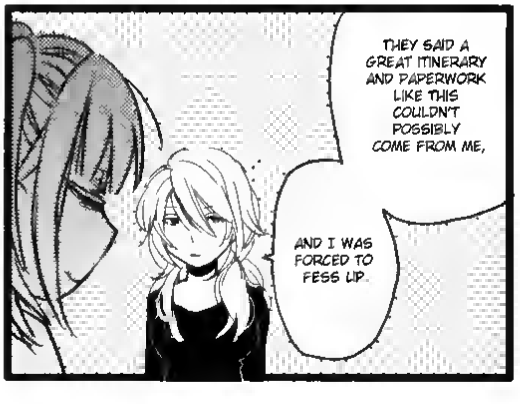
THEN PLEASE EXPLAIN THE PLAN TO THE OTHER TEACHERS

NO GOOD!
WELL THAT WAS QUICK.

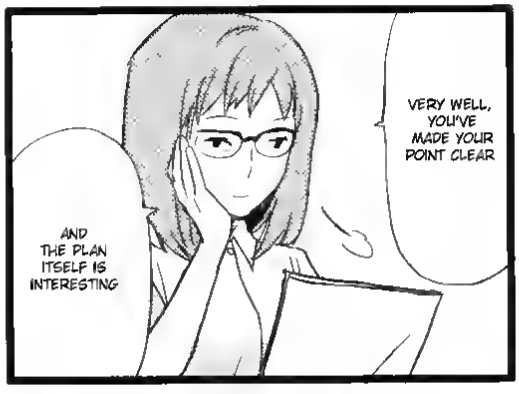

AND PLEASE DON'T TELL THEM THAT WE CAME UP WITH IT!

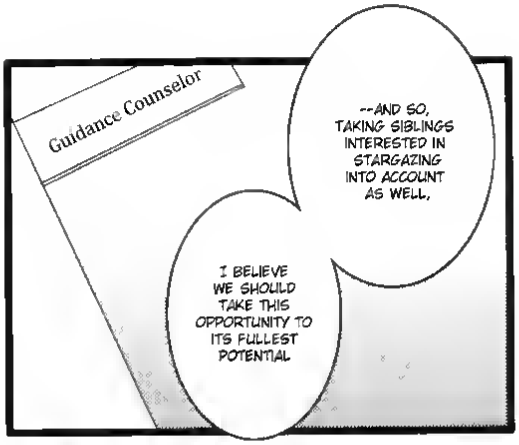
THEY WANT TO HEAR YOUR OPINIONS FIRST-HAND.
!?

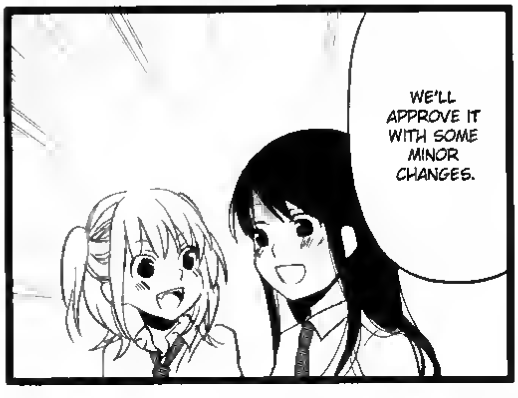
Since they'll discover our true intent
JUST SAY YOU CAME UP WITH THAT IDEA BY YOURSELF!

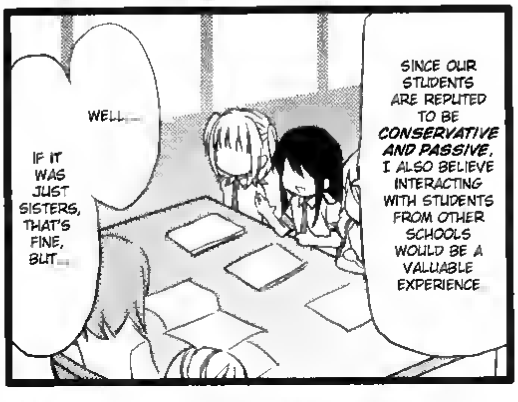

THEY SAID A GREAT ITINERARY AND PAPERWORK LIKE THIS COULDN'T POSSIBLY COME FROM ME,
AND I WAS FORCED TO FESS UP.

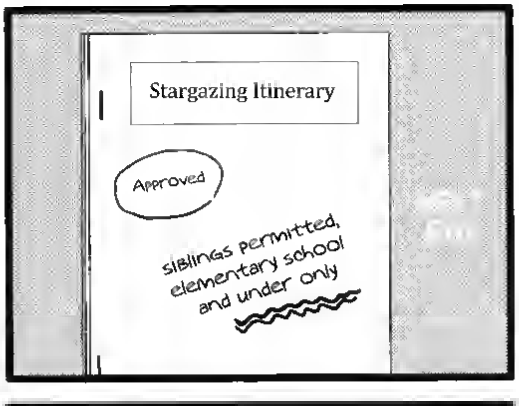
SO I GET ALL THE CREDIT? LEAVE IT TO ME!


VERY WELL, YOU'VE MADE YOUR POINT CLEAR
AND THE PLAN ITSELF IS INTERESTING

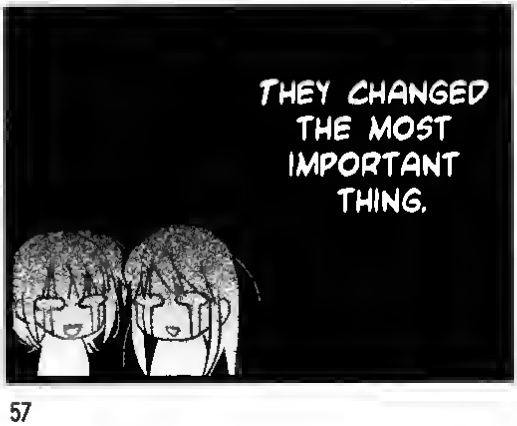

Guidance Counselor
--AND SO, TAKING SIBLINGS INTERESTED IN STARGAZING INTO ACCOUNT AS WELL,
I BELIEVE WE SHOULD TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO ITS FULLEST POTENTIAL


WE'LL APPROVE IT WITH SOME MINOR CHANGES.


WELL...
IF IT WAS JUST SISTERS, THAT'S FINE, BUT...
SINCE OUR STUDENTS ARE REPUTED TO BE CONSERVATIVE AND PASSIVE, I ALSO BELIEVE INTERACTING WITH STUDENTS FROM OTHER SCHOOLS WOULD BE A VALUABLE EXPERIENCE


Stargazing Itinerary
Approved
siblings permitted, elementary school and under only

I-IT'S NOT DISCRIM-INATING!
BUT, THEY'RE ALL SIBLINGS
ARE WE DISCRIMINATING BY GENDER??
IT'S JUST THAT IF THERE SOMETHING WERE TO HAPPEN...

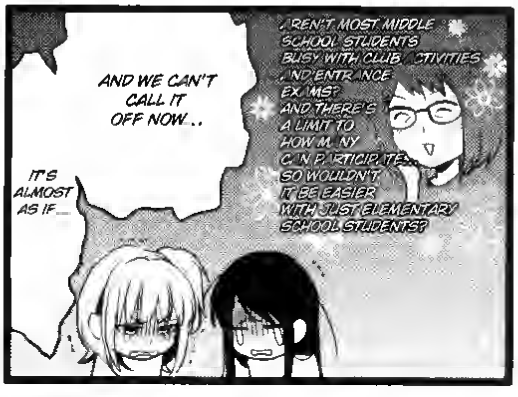

THEY CHANGED THE MOST IMPORTANT THING.

She's... getting really good at playing dumb...
PUZZLED?
EH?
BUT WE'RE JUST LEARNING ABOUT STARS TOGETHER. WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY "SOMETHING"?
PUZZLED MY ASS

I LOVE STARS! YOU CAN CALL ME THE STAR PRINCE.
SINCE I'M IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, OF COURSE I'LL PARTICIPATE!

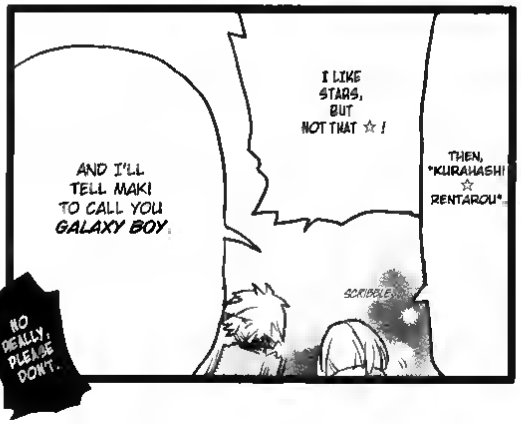
THIS IS JUST BABYSITTING!
THEN WHAT'S THE POINT?
I WENT TO TALK TO THE TEACHERS EARLIER, BUT

DON'T MAKE ME SOUND LIKE SOME OBSCURE COMEDIAN!
"HI MY NAME IS STAR KURAHASHI"
SCRIBBLE


AREN'T MOST MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS BUSY WITH CLUB ACTIVITIES AND ENTRANCE EXAMS? AND THERE'S A LIMIT TO HOW MANY CAN PARTICIPATE... SO WOULDN'T IT BE EASIER WITH JUST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS?
AND WE CAN'T CALL IT OFF NOW..
IT'S ALMOST AS IF...

THIS IS A RARE CHANCE FOR ME TO APPROACH HER, SO GIMME A BREAK, YEAH?
MAKI-SAN WILL THINK I'M AN IDIOT IF SHE SAW THIS!

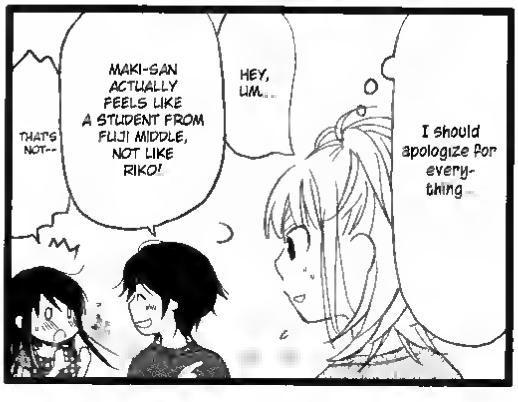
THE STUDENT COUNCIL ARRANGED THINGS,
SO THAT I CAN PARTICIPATE!?

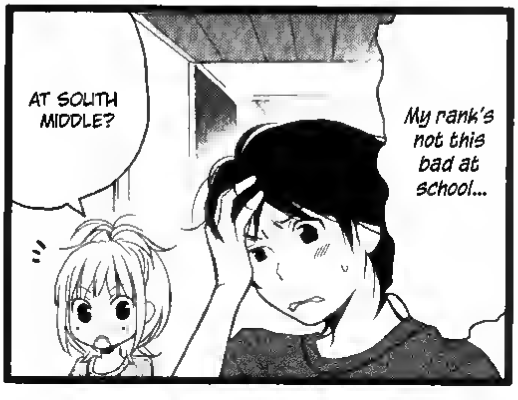

I LIKE STARS, BUT NOT THAT ☆!
THEN, "KURAHASHI ☆ RENTAROU".
AND I'LL TELL MAKI TO CALL YOU GALAXY BOY.
SCRIBBLE
NO REALLY, PLEASE DON'T.

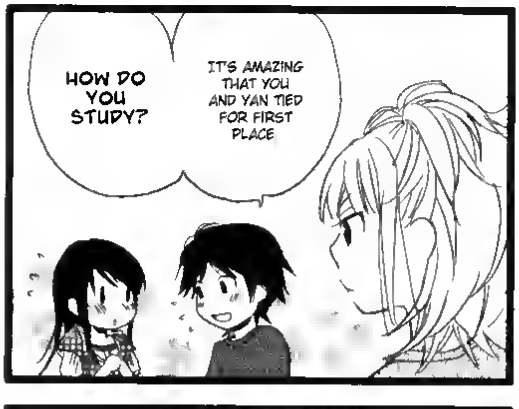
恋愛ラボ
National Cram School Examination Results
1 Ikezawa Masaomi
1 Maki Natsuo
36 Kurahashi Riko
36 Nagino Satoshi
We're tied!!!
However
← TOP (INSURMOUNTABLE WALL) BOTTOM →

Guess I was just nervous last time because of the weird things they said
Huh, we're talking normally.

YOU'RE REALLY QUITE THE IDIOT.
THANKS, YOU TOO.


I should apologize for everything...
HEY, LIM...
MAKI-SAN ACTUALLY FEELS LIKE A STUDENT FROM FUJI MIDDLE, NOT LIKE RIKO!
THAT'S NOT--


My rank's not this bad at school...
AT SOUTH MIDDLE?


IT'S AMAZING THAT YOU AND YAN TIED FOR FIRST PLACE
HOW DO YOU STUDY?

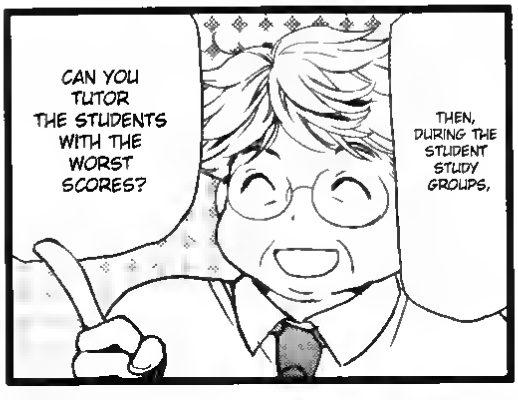
...so that means
THIS CRAM SCHOOL IS JUST REALLY HARD.
YOU'RE RIGHT--

YOU'RE IN LAST PLACE, SO THERE'S NO POINT FOR YOU TO ASK, STUUUPID!
YOU'RE AT THE BOTTOM TOO, MAYBE YOU SHOULD ASK HER FOR HELP TOO! STUPID!

SO WHAT'S YOUR RANK AT YOUR SCHOOL?

SO NOW YOU HAVE MORE FREE TIME?
IF I WASN'T SO BUSY WITH THE STUDENT COUNCIL BEFORE BREAK, I WOULD'VE...
OF.. OF COURSE.

...WAS THIS YOUR PERSONAL BEST?
I DIDN'T LOSE, BUT...
FEELS STRANGE


CAN YOU TUTOR THE STUDENTS WITH THE WORST SCORES?
THEN, DURING THE STUDENT STUDY GROUPS,

MASAOMI-SAN, HELP ME OUT!
COME DOWN TO THE OFFICE!
I SEE, SAME HERE
Not by much though
N-no, it wasn't!

HUH?
LIKE WHAT YOU DID BACK IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.
IT WAS AMAZING HOW RIKO IMPROVED THAT TIME!

IT'S NO BIG DEAL
YOU TWO DID EXTREMELY WELL!

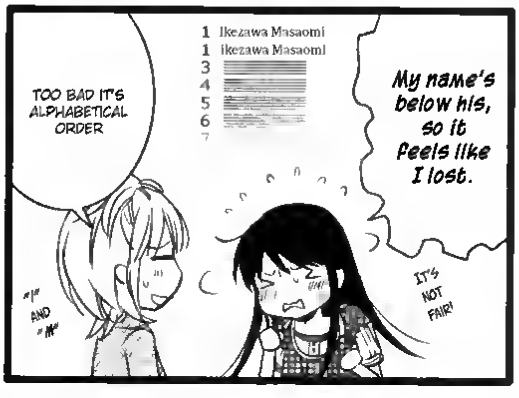
ONLY ONE PART OF THAT IS TRUE
GREAT IDEA, NO?
AND IT'S EASIER ON ME!
AND STRENGTHEN YOUR FRIENDSHIP,
YOU'LL LEARN FROM HELPING OTHER PEOPLE,

PLEASE BE QUIET!
BUT WASN'T THIS YOUR HIGHEST SCORE YET?

Study group my ass!
And... that girl still tied with my best score

BUT STILL, YOU REALLY ARE AMAZING, MAKI
BUT... I'M A BIT DISSAPOINTED
WE'RE TIED, BUT...

COME ON, WHY ARE YOU SO BOTHERED ABOUT THIS?


1 Ikezawa Masaomi
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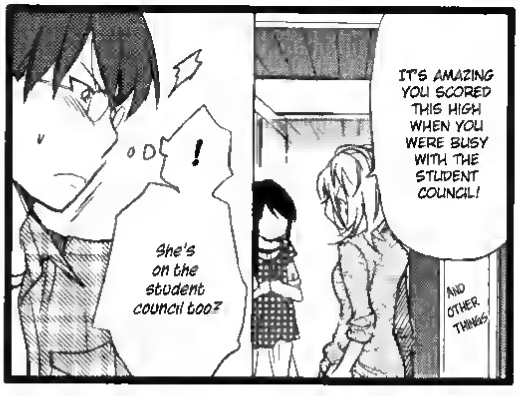
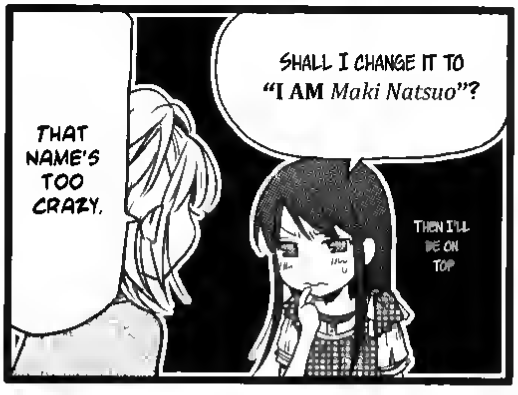
TOO BAD IT'S ALPHABETICAL ORDER
My name's below his, so it feels like I lost.
IT'S NOT FAIR!
"I" AND "M"


IT'S AMAZING YOU SCORED THIS HIGH WHEN YOU WERE BUSY WITH THE STUDENT COUNCIL!
AND OTHER THINGS
!
She's on the student council too?

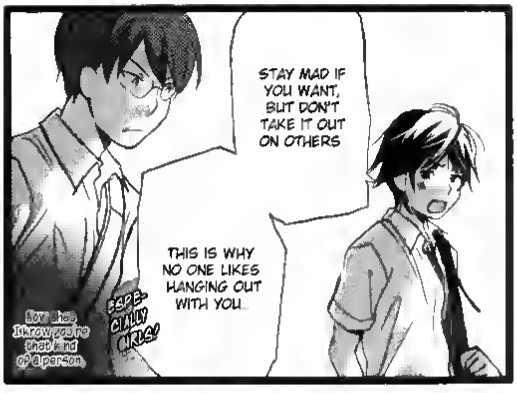

SHALL I CHANGE IT TO "I AM *Maki Natsuo*"?
THAT NAME'S TOO CRAZY.
THEN I'LL BE ON TOP

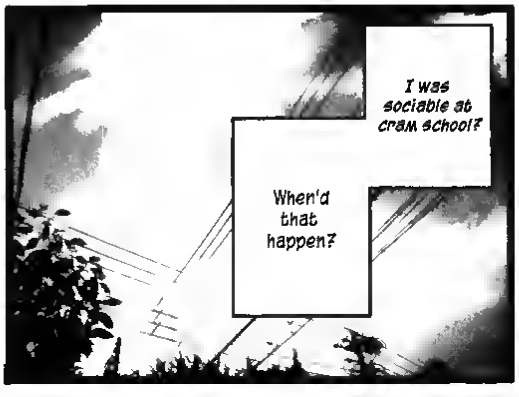
OF COURSE I HAVE TO DO WELL, I CAN'T USE THE STUDENT COUNCIL AS AN EXCUSE!

TH-THEN HOW ABOUT "CRAZY☆ *Natsuo*"?!
WHO THE HELL?
I'LL BE SAFE IF IT'S "C"!

ARE YOU REALLY THIS MAD THAT YOU COULDN'T BEAT MAKI-SAN?
QUIT TAKING YOUR ANGER OUT ON PEOPLE!
IT'S HARD FOR ME TO WATCH
IKEZAWA-KUN!
I HEARD YOU GOT THE TOP EXAM SCORE IN OUR PREFECTURE
THAT'S AMAZING! IT WAS SO HARD
I DID THE TEST AT 6AM TOO~
YOU DIDN'T WIN, EITHER.
I DID NOT LOSE!
I DIDN'T LOSE...
IF YOU DIDN'T LOSE, WHY ARE YOU SO ANGRY?
WHY, THANK YOU.
....
IT FEELS LIKE I LOST BOTH GAME AND MATCH, BUT I HAVEN'T LOST.
IF YOU ASK ME, THAT'S A SHUT-OUT.
I was just thanking her.
MOST PEOPLE SAY THANK YOU WITHOUT MAKING THE BACK-GROUND GO DARK

Not everyone is like Nagi.


STAY MAD IF YOU WANT, BUT DON'T TAKE IT OUT ON OTHERS
THIS IS WHY NO ONE LIKES HANGING OUT WITH YOU.
Now I know I threw you're trash in front of a person.
SEIP E-CHIHIY CHRIS!


I was sociable at cram school?
When'd that happen?

.....
I realize there's no reason to trust whatever you say

That was when...
YAN!
HELP ME AGAIN TODAY!

YOU'RE SOCIABLE ENOUGH AT CRAM SCHOOL!
YEAH
...OKAY, no one WAS A BIT HARSH.
RIGHT?

None of your business!
I THINK YOU SHOULD BE MORE ASSERTIVE.
YOU'RE SO NICE THAT YOU'LL GO BALD

AT FIRST I COULDN'T KEEP UP
HE TUTORED ME DURING ENTRANCE EXAMS
AND THE TEACHER CAN'T HELP ME ALL THE TIME, RIGHT?

STOMP
STOMP
STOMP
NAGI?

SO I TRIED GETTING HELP FROM THE TEACHERS AT SCHOOL, OR FROM MY SMARTER FRIENDS...

WHAT'S WRONG? WHERE'S YAN?
WE'RE NOT JOINED AT THE HIP, YOU KNOW.
GOT INTO A FIGHT WITH HIM, HUH?

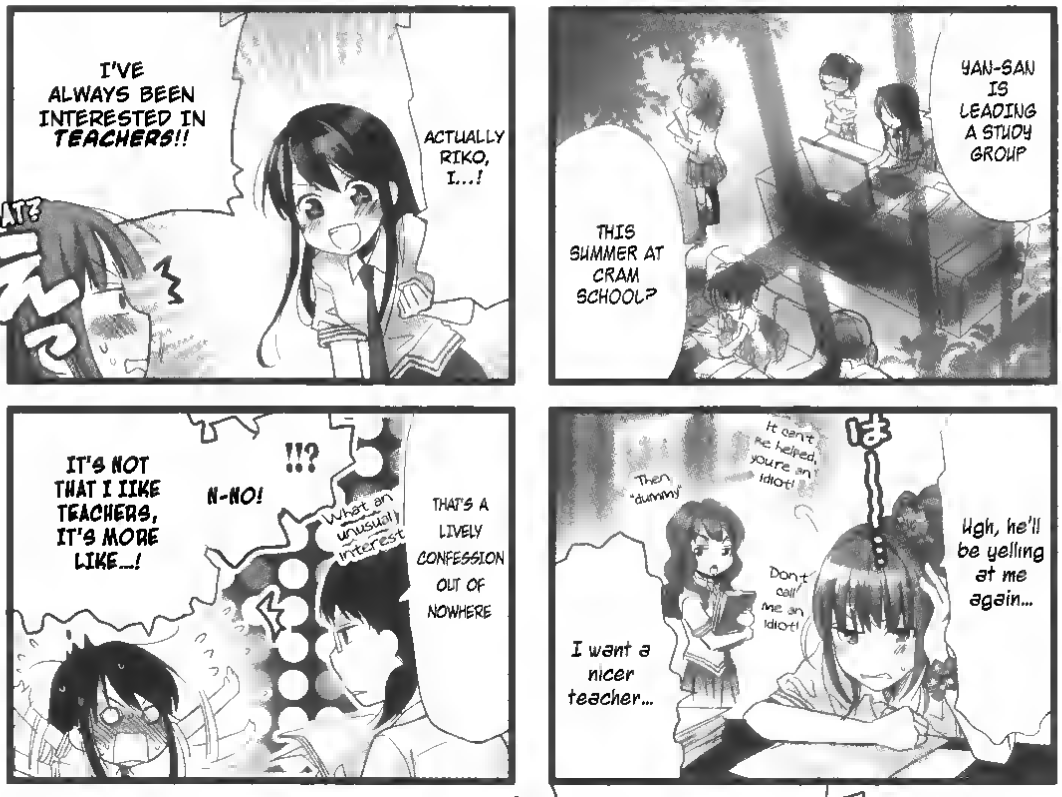
THEY'D BE KIND AT FIRST, BUT EVENTUALLY THEY'D THROW IN THE TOWEL
THEY'D TELL ME TO GIVE UP AND THEN RUN AWAY...

HE'S A MEAN ONE, AFTER ALL--
YEAH, YEAH
HE TOTALLY RUINS THE MOOD.
HE SAYS A TON OF UNNECESSARY THINGS!

THAT'S JUST SAD...
ISN'T THAT HORRIBLE?

NOT A BAD GUY, THOUGH.
WHAT'S WITH THAT OBLIGATORY COMMENT?

IRIKIMI-SENSEI?
BUT YAN WAS A GREAT TEACHER.
AND HE NEVER GAVE UP UNTIL I UNDERSTOOD ALL OF IT.
EVEN IF HE COMPLAINED A LOT.
WHAT'S THE SYLLABUS FOR SUMMER SESSION'S STUDY GROUP?
YOU'LL TUTOR THEM, THEN?
DID SOME-THING HAPPEN?
THAT'S WONDERFUL, BUT
I'M REALLY GLAD
THAT YAN HELPED ME STUDY.
I SAID I'LL DO IT.
AND I DON'T LIKE TO LEAVE THINGS HALF-ASSED...
I promise they will NEVER get that kind of score again.
SHIVER
And I really wanted to show him I could do it, too!


I'VE ALWAYS BEEN INTERESTED IN TEACHERS!!
WHAT?
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ACTUALLY RIKO, I...!
YAN-SAN IS LEADING A STUDY GROUP
THIS SUMMER AT CRAM SCHOOL?
IT'S NOT THAT I IIKE TEACHERS, IT'S MORE LIKE...!
N-NO!
!!?
What an unusual interest
THAT'S A LIVELY CONFESSION OUT OF NOWHERE
Then "dummy"
It can't be helped, you're an idiot!
Don't call me an idiot!
I want a nicer teacher...
Ugh, he'll be yelling at me again...

恋愛ラボ

I JUST WANT TO PLAY A TEACHER SO I CAN SEDUCE THE MALE STUDENTS WITH MY INTELLIGENCE!!!
THAT'S EVEN WORSE!

AS EXPECTED FROM SENPAI'S OLDER BROTHER, THAT'S JUST SAD.
IT'S NOT JUST MIDDLE SCHOOL KIDS!
MY BROTHER STILL SAYS HE WANTS TO GET SCOLDED BY A FEMALE TEACHER!

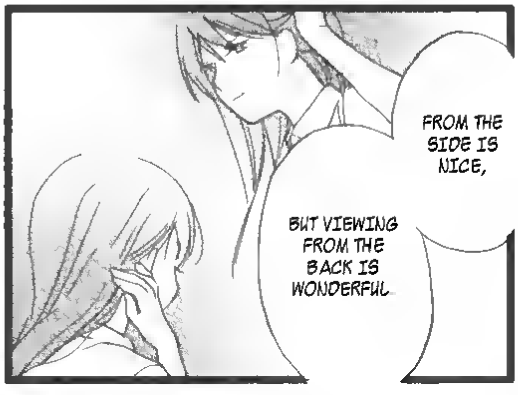
LORD ENOBRO
WHAT'S WITH THAT MASK?!
Y-YES!
BE CAREFUL, SUZU, OR HE MIGHT END UP LIKE DARTH ENOBRO!
YOU HAVE A WEIRD BROTHER, BUT HE'S JUST BARELY IN THE "GOOD BROTHER" ZONE!

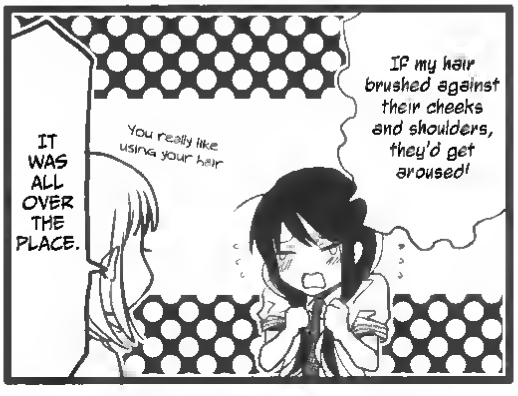
Close but not quite the same.

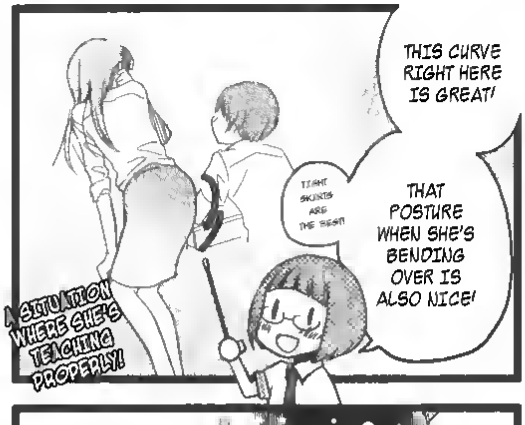
So it's close to what I was imagining?!

RIGHT? SAYO-SENPAI IS SO...
SOMETHING WAS OFF IN THAT FANTASY!
WOULD IT BE SOMETHING LIKE...
I'VE NEVER FANTASIZED ABOUT TEACHING SOMEONE
I think it's pretty common...
Isn't it?
WHY WOULD YOU PUT UP YOUR HAIR?!
THAT'S THE PROBLEM!?
SFX GLARE
What do you need help with?
Oops my eraser
OR THIS?
LIKE THIS,
FOR EXAMPLE
I'LL COME UP FROM BEHIND LIKE THIS, AND
My grades went up, but I want you to stay as my private tutor
Wait!
S-sorry
OR THIS...
EVERYTHING
WHICH PART ARE YOU HAVING TROUBLE WITH?
OKAY! IF YOU WANT TO WATCH MORE, YOU'LL HAVE TO PASS THROUGH ME!
ADMISSION FEE
You mean private lessons? Ufufu
SFX BAAAM

MY FATHER AND BROTHER WERE DISCUSSING THIS THE OTHER DAY.
IN MODERATION
BRUSHING YOUR HAIR BACK DOES LOOK MATURE AND GRACEFUL!




IT WAS ALL OVER THE PLACE.
You really like using your hair
If my hair brushed against their cheeks and shoulders, they'd get aroused!


A SITUATION WHERE SHE'S TEACHING PROPERLY!
THIS CURVE RIGHT HERE IS GREAT!
TIGHT SKIRTS ARE THE BEST!
THAT POSTURE WHEN SHE'S BENDING OVER IS ALSO NICE!

SFX SCREEEEEE

PRESI-DENT?
THERE'S ANOTHER TYPO HERE
SO SORRY, YAN-KUN!
SFX: CREEEEAK
S-SO I GET IN THIS POSE...
AND THEN C-LIKE THIS?
STOP THAT.
PLEASE GET THAT FIXED, I'M HEADING TO CRAM SCHOOL
...IT'S FINE.
EH?!
NO REALLY, YOU'RE SCARY! STOP IT! GO AWAY!
!!
!?
NOW LET'S STUDY
OKAY, I GOT THROUGH THAT AND DIDN'T GET MAD AT ANYONE.
DOMERO
Where you shrinking?
NO REASON
カラ…
Huh?
Eh?
YOU PLAN ON DOING THAT IN FRONT OF THEM?
BESIDES, THE BOYS IN THE STUDY GROUP ARE NAGI AND YAN!
ARGH
WAIT, YAN-KUN!
YOU'RE BEING SO NICE THAT I'M GETTING WORRIED!
DON'T GO!
YOU'RE NOT SEXY AT ALL...
BEING THIS SEXY FOR THEM?

THIS IS A SURPRISE ...
I THOUGHT HE DIDN'T CARE, BUT THIS IS WELL PLANNED OUT.
I GUESS HE'S A RESPONSIBLE PERSON.
So we'll do this~
He's still mean though

MASAOMI-SAN,
NATSUO-SAN WANTS TO HELP WITH THE STUDY GROUP!
HE'S
SHE EVEN MADE US AN ITINERARY!

I HATE TO ADMIT IT, BUT SHE'S REALLY GOOD. AS EXPECTED FROM FUJI MIDDLE.
IF ONLY OUR STUDENT COUNCIL HAD SOMEONE LIKE THIS..
This will be later
She's still weird though

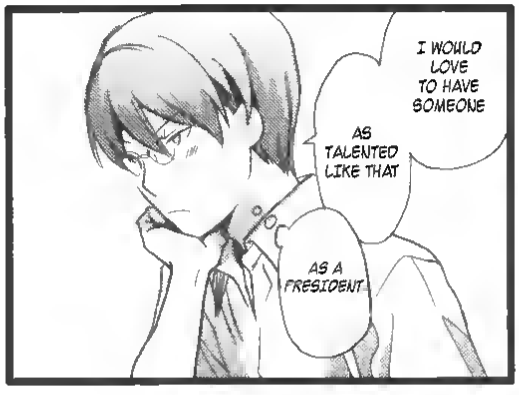
EH?
BUT I ALREADY MADE PLANS TOO...
MAY I TAKE A LOOK?

HEY...
ESPECIALLY OUR PRESIDENT...

THEN WE'LL TAKE YOUR IDEA HERE, AND..
AH, YOU'RE RIGHT
...HMM, WOULDN'T THEY UNDERSTAND BETTER IF WE COVER THIS PART EARLIER?
That's a good lesson plan

WHAT'S THE STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT AT YOUR SCHOOL LIKE?

WE'RE WORKING WELL TOGETHER...
But I hate to admit it


I WOULD LOVE TO HAVE SOMEONE
AS TALENTED LIKE THAT
AS A PRESIDENT

ALL THE STUDENTS AND TEACHERS TRUST HER VERY MUCH.
..LET'S SEE OUR PRESIDENT IS VERY QUICK WITH HER WORK, AND HAS EXCELLENT GRADES!

I'D LIKE TO MEET HER SOMETIME
WE CAN SIT DOWN AND HAVE A CHAT

It's true.
SO JUST AS THE RUMORS SAY...
JUST KIDDING!

AND HAS HIGH GRADES, THAT'S IMPRESSIVE ENOUGH.
IF SHE'S LEADING THE COUNCIL
IT'S REALLY NOT THAT AMAZING.
EH
UM
UHH

SHE'S SOUNDS LIKE THE PERFECT GIRL.
THAT'S AMAZING.
ACTUALLY, I'M--

..WHAT'S UP WITH YOU?!
KYAAA AAAAA!
SHE MUST BE VERY...
AHHH-HHHH-HHH-HH!!
AND IF SHE'S THAT POPULAR,

GIVEN THE PEOPLE SHE WORKS WITH.

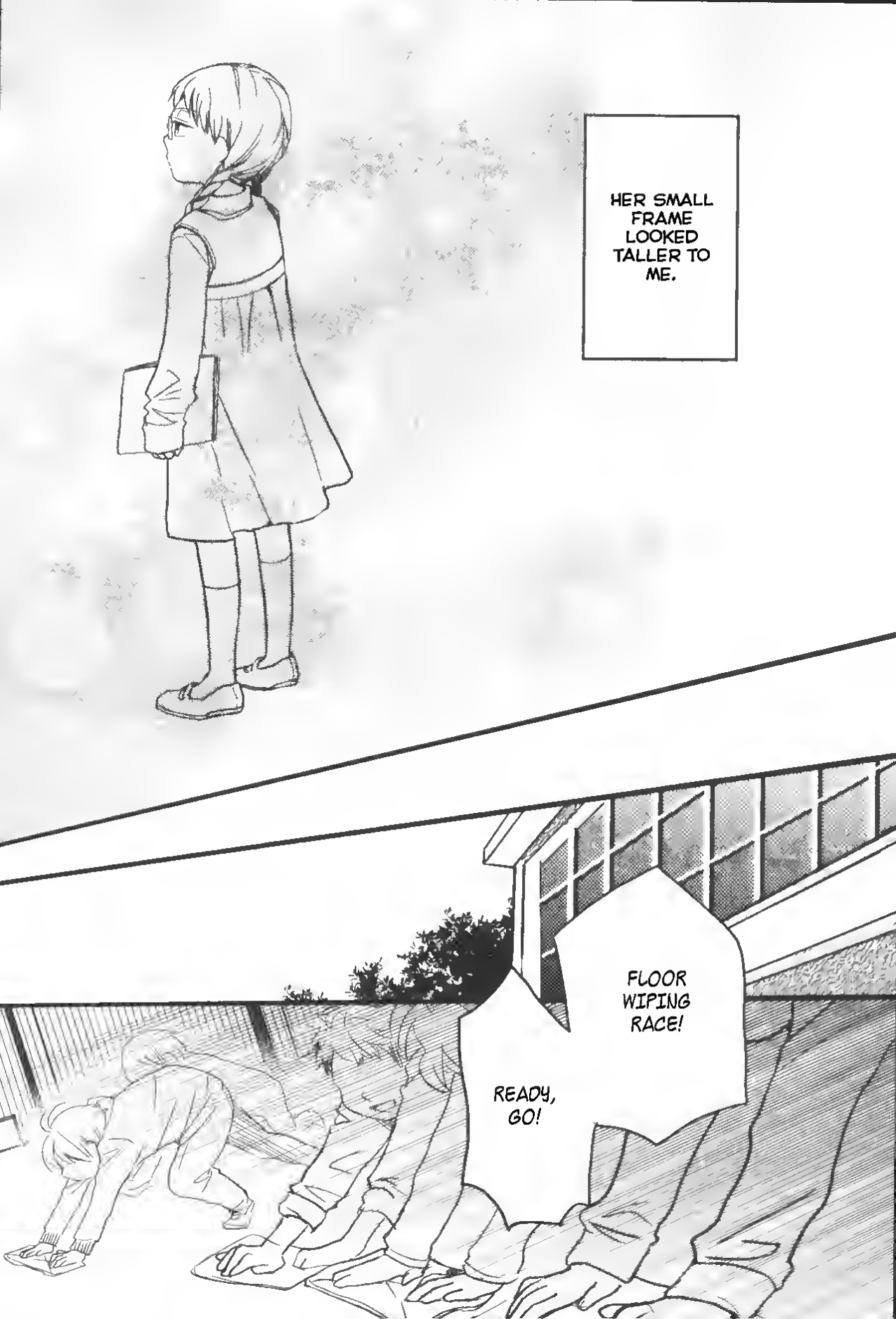
Y-Y-YOU! WHAT DID YOU...?
AND WHAT'D YOU MEAN, "AFTER ALL"?!
HEY, RIKO!
OH!
HEY MAKI!
YOU HEADING BACK?
--WHAT'S WRONG?
I HEARD MAKI-SAN WILL BE HELPING WITH THE STUDY GROUP TOO!
I heard it from Inkimi-sensei
YOU LOOK PRETTY HAPPY
IS THIS TRUE!?
YOUR FACE IS REALLY RED
.....
WELL, NOW IT ISN'T JUST YAN..
NAGI..
I'M NOT TOO FOND OF YAN-SAN...
?
I ALREADY KNEW THAT..
BAM!
SO YOU'VE ALSO FANTASIZED ABOUT FEMALE TEACHERS, AFTER ALL..
80%

恋愛ラボ
特別編
SHE LOOKS LIKE A WEIRDO
I'M MIZUSHIMA.
NICE TO MEET YOU ALL.
YOUR SEAT'S OVER THERE.
CAN YOU SHARE YOUR TEXT-BOOK?
NEXT TO ME?
WHAT A PAIN.
.....
GIRLS ARE SO SHALLOW.
THEY GET ALL EXCITED AT FIRST,
AND AFTER A WHILE...
YOU WERE AT FUJI ELEMENTARY, MIZUSHIMA-SAN?!
THAT'S AMAZING! WHAT'S IT LIKE THERE?
IF YOU LIKE FUJI SO MUCH THAT YOU WEAR THE UNIFORM EVERYDAY, WHY'D YOU TRANSFER HERE?
It's nothing special
IS THAT THE UNIFORM?
AND IN THE MIDDLE OF THE SCHOOL YEAR TOO.
JEALOUSY SETS IN.

!!!
WE BASICALLY RAN AWAY FROM LOAN SHARKS.
And it's not that I liked Fuji Elementary a lot. But this uniform is durable and I have several sets of it, so it'd be a waste not to wear them.
SHE'S SO WEIRD...
SHE...
JUMP
WHAT?
.....
IF I DID, IT'D BE A BIGGER HASSLE.
WOULDN'T YOU NORMALLY KEEP IT A SECRET?
UH
WAS ALL OF THAT TRUE?
YES. AND?
AND NOW THEY LOSE INTEREST.
SORRY!
O-OH. OKAY...
THAT'S TOO BAD...

WOW...
SHE DEALT WITH THOSE GIRLS PRETTY EASILY, BUT...
HEY MIZUSHIMA!
I HEAR YOUR FAMILY'S IN DEBT!
YOU ALWAYS WEAR THE SAME UNIFORM ALL THE TIME.
AH, CRAP.
SO ARE YOU TINY 'CAUSE YOU CAN'T AFFORD TO EAT?
THERE THEY GO.
MY PARENTS WORKED HARD,
BUT THINGS DIDN'T GO OUR WAY.
IT'S NOT LIKE IT'S MY FAULT IN ANY CASE.
IF YOU ASK ME, THE ONLY TINY THINGS HERE ARE YOUR HEARTS.
AND YOUR BRAINS, TOO.
SHE'S...

MIZUSHIMA...
IS A SHORTIE WITH A BIG ATTITUDE.
AFTER THAT, WE CHANGED SEATS
AND STOPPED TALKING TO EACH OTHER.
SO STRONG ...
How 'bout I take advantage of my family's weakness, and tattle on you midgets to the teacher and your families?
H-hey, we're sorry!
REALLY THOUGH, NO ONE INTERACTED WITH MIZUSHIMA.
SHE'S NOT ANNOYING OR ANYTHING,
BUT SHE NEVER SHOWS ANY EMOTION ON HER FACE.
SHE WASN'T TRYING TO BE COOL.
SHE WAS JUST ALOOF AND DID HER OWN THING.
YOU CAN'T TELL WHAT SHE'S THINKING.
SHE REALLY WAS A WEIRDO.
BUT SOMETIMES,


HER SMALL FRAME LOOKED TALLER TO ME.
FLOOR WIPING RACE!
READY, GO!

OH,
I GOT A GOOD START.
I'M IN FIRST!
---HEY!
LOOK OUT!
EH?
EH?
FLAP

WHOA
I'VE NEVER SEEN HER LOOKING LIKE THIS.
WHOA, WHOA!
CALM DOWN!
WHAM
SLAP
CRACK
PUNCH
CONTRACT
AS REPARATIONS, I WILL GIVE ALL MY SNACKS TO MIZUSHIMA SAYORI UNTIL THE NEXT SEAT-CHANGE
YAMAZAKI YUU
THE NEXT DAY,
ALL THE GIRLS IN CLASS WERE GLARING AT ME, AND...

SHE WAS STRAIGHT-FACED EVEN WHILE SHE WAS CLOBBERING YOU.
MIZUSHIMA DOESN'T ACTUALLY CARE, YOU KNOW
YOU KINDA DESERVE THAT THOUGH.
TOUGH LUCK MAN...
STARTING TODAY.
THERE GOES MY POCKET MONEY...
THAT FACE ...?
SHE'S NOT HUMAN--
DIDN'T GIVE A DAMN, DID SHE?
SO, DID I IMAGINE
I've never seen anyone weaponize a dustpan so well
Same here.

THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE SEEN HER WEARING PANTS.
ARE YOU FEELING ALL RIGHT?!
...say, don't you think Mizushima is kinda cute?

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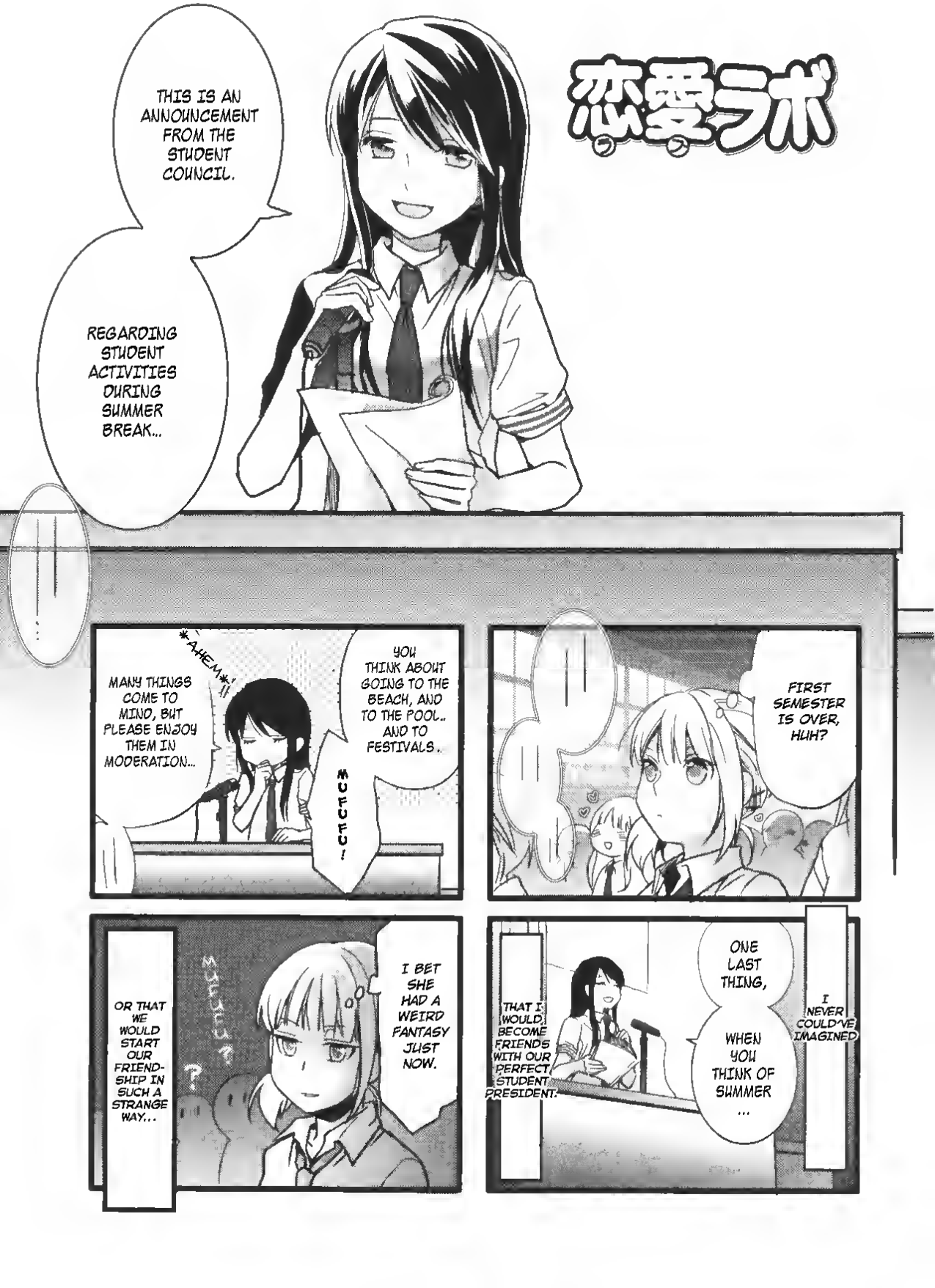
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THIS IS AN ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE STUDENT COUNCIL.
REGARDING STUDENT ACTIVITIES DURING SUMMER BREAK...
...
AHEM
MANY THINGS COME TO MIND, BUT PLEASE ENJOY THEM IN MODERATION...
YOU THINK ABOUT GOING TO THE BEACH, AND TO THE POOL... AND TO FESTIVALS.
MUTTER!
FIRST SEMESTER IS OVER, HUH?
I NEVER COULD'VE IMAGINED
ONE LAST THING,
WHEN YOU THINK OF SUMMER ...
THAT I WOULD BECOME FRIENDS WITH OUR PERFECT STUDENT PRESIDENT.
I BET SHE HAD A WEIRD FANTASY JUST NOW.
MUTTER?
?!
OR THAT WE WOULD START OUR FRIEND-SHIP IN SUCH A STRANGE WAY...

SO YOU DO STILL GET CAR-SICK
SHE ONLY PUKES EVERY OTHER MONTH
IF WE TAKE MY FAMILY'S CAR, I WON'T GET SICK! IT'S PROBABLY BECAUSE I'M USED TO RIDING IT

I CAN'T WAIT!
SUMMER VACA-TION STARTS TOMOR-ROW!

IT'S LIKE GOING ON A FIELD TRIP!
LET'S DO IT! IT'LL BE FUN TO ALL GO TOGETHER!

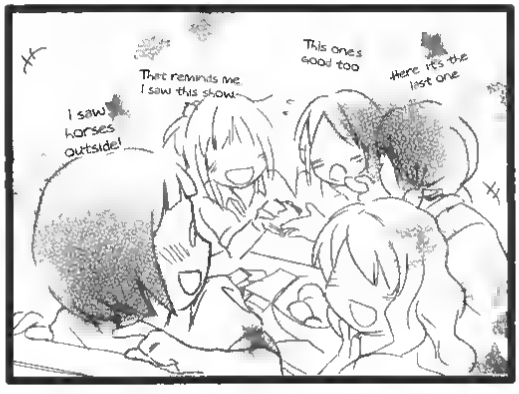
YOU'VE ALREADY LET YOUR-SELF GO...
YOU NEED TO KEEP CALM! WE STILL HAVE THE STARGAZING PARTY COMING RIGHT UP!

OH, I FORGOT TO MENTION--
I'LL BRING SOME FRUIT!
LET'S TAKE LOTS OF SNACKS WITH US!

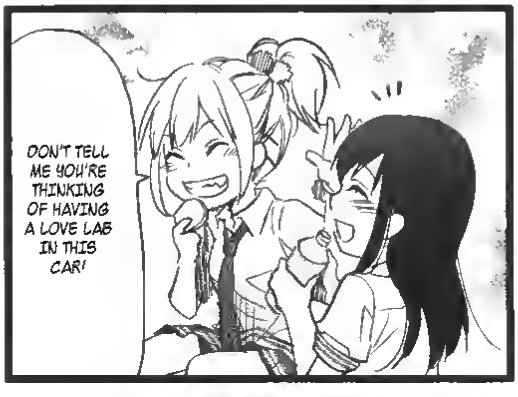
I'LL GET US A RIDE, SO LET'S HEAD THERE EARLY!
SHOULDN'T WE PREPARE AHEAD FOR STARGAZING TONIGHT?

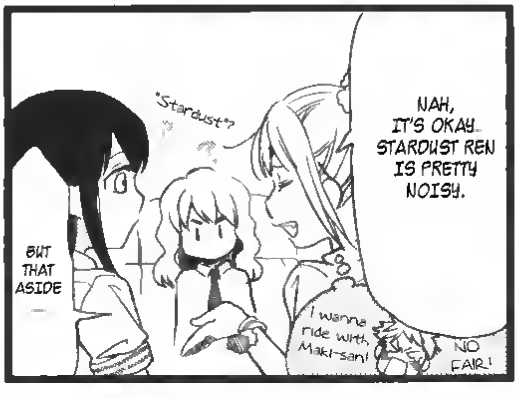
THIS IS SUCH A PAIN
ALSO, I CAN GET SICK JUST FROM WATCHING PEOPLE EAT!
CHOCOLATES MAKE ME SICKER BY 30%!
APPLES BY 70%, AND ORANGES BY 85%

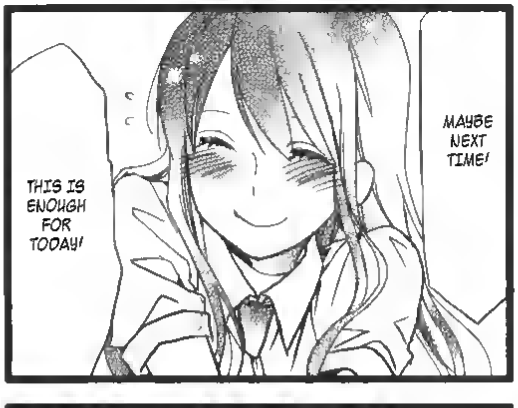
I'D BE BAILING OR UNCONSCIOUS
IS THIS SUPPOSE TO BE BLACK-MAIL...?
OR ELSE I WON'T BE OF ANY HELP FOR THE ENTIRE NIGHT!


I saw horses outside!
There reminds me I saw this show
This one's good too
there it's the last one

WE COULD'VE LET RIKO'S BROTHER COME WITH US TOO...


DON'T TELL ME YOU'RE THINKING OF HAVING A LOVE LAB IN THIS CAR!

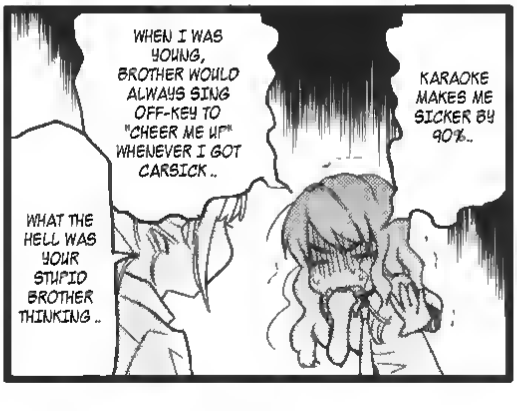

"Stardust"?
NAH, IT'S OKAY... STARDUST REN IS PRETTY NOISY.
BUT THAT ASIDE
I wanna ride with Maki-san!
NO FAIR!


THIS IS ENOUGH FOR TODAY!
MAYBE NEXT TIME!

THEY EVEN HAVE A KARAOKE MACHINE IN HERE!
WITH A CHAUFFEUR, TOO!
YOU SERIOUSLY OWN A MICROBUS? THAT'S AMAZING!
COOL! WANNA SING SOME-THING?

© COMMONERS

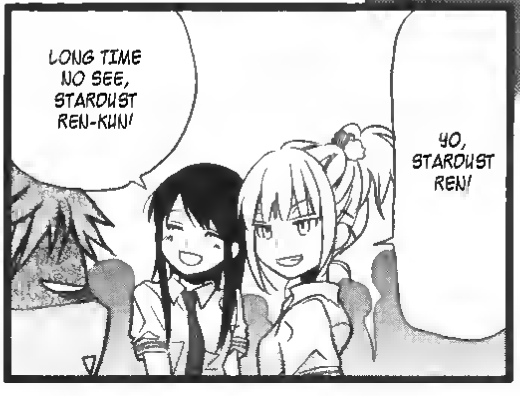
HUH?!
BUT IF YOU INSIST, I CAN OBLIGE--
How about taking care of a carsick lover? Senpai can act as the lover
RIGHT, ENO-SENPAI?
AH, NO CAN DO! LOVE LAB IN THE CAR INCREASES FUKING RISK BY 100%
Quit joking around!


WHEN I WAS YOUNG, BROTHER WOULD ALWAYS SING OFF-KEY TO "CHEER ME UP" WHENEVER I GOT CARSICK..
KARAOKE MAKES ME SICKER BY 90%..
WHAT THE HELL WAS YOUR STUPID BROTHER THINKING..

HEY!
ESPECIALLY COMPARED TO MAKI-SAN!
WHA-
I'M NOT THAT MUCH SHORTER THAN YOU!
YOU LOOK AS SHORT AND CHILD-LIKE AS EVER.

HEY, SIS! MAKI-SAN!

I'VE GROWN A WHOLE CENTI-METER SINCE LAST TIME, Y'KNOW?
BUT IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE ANYTHING CHANGED WITH YOU. HUH, SHORTY?
UGH


LONG TIME NO SEE, STARDUST REN-KUN!
YO, STARDUST REN!

I-I'VE CHANGED TOO!
MY WEIGHT DID!

NO, NO! LEAVE THAT PART OUT!

Oh, look there's some trash in the way

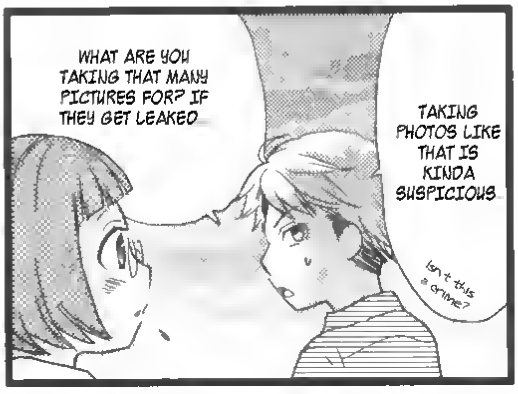
STAR-DUST-KUN?

ICHIKAWA IS STRUGGLING TO GET USED TO THE UNFAMILIAR ENVIRONMENT AND CAMERA.

OUCH ..
WHY DID YOU DO THAT?!
!
.....
ARE YOU A SOME KIND OF A PERVERT VOYEUR?
A GIRL ?!
!
カシャ
FLASH!
EH !!?
NO!
I WAS HIRED BY TANAHASHI-SAN'S BROTHER TO TAKE PICTURES OF HER!
EH?!
UM, REN-KUN ..
GO HIDE SOME-WHERE!
Q-QUITE..
SO THEN YOUR BROTHER'S A PERVERT?
CRUNCH

ALRIGHT
Sorry.
I'll talk to my brother
Can you please ease off on taking pictures of me?

GO ON
EH...?
BUT IF YOU DON'T LIKE IT, JUST TELL HER!
Even if your brother hired her


WHAT ARE YOU TAKING THAT MANY PICTURES FOR? IF THEY GET LEAKED...
TAKING PHOTOS LIKE THAT IS KINDA SUSPICIOUS
Isn't this a crime?

I feel really embarrassed and uncomfortable...
Um... when you're taking so many pictures of me,

It won't get leaked
BUT IT'S JUST FOR THE SCHOOL NEWSPAPER SO CAN YOU OVERLOOK IT THIS TIME...?
IT'S TRUE THAT WE TAKE A LOT OF CANDID SHOTS OF THE STUDENT COUNCIL,

And I want to see all the pictures you took...
But I like Ichikawa-senpai's photography,

DO YOU HAVE ANY PRIZED PICTURES OF MAKI-SAN?

I'M SORRYYY!!
MAKE UP YOUR MIND ALREADY!
YOU'RE SO ANNOYING!

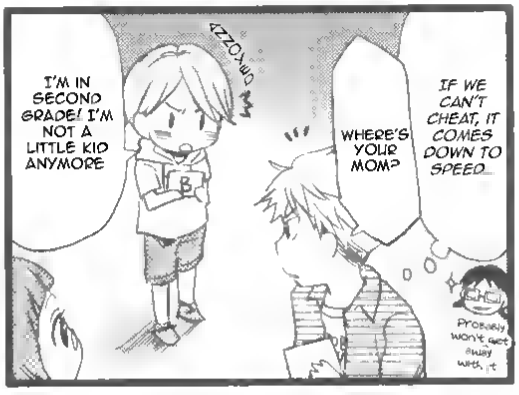
YOU ARE
ALTAIR
I'M ALTAIR!
ON THE BACK OF EACH EACH CARD IS THE NAME OF A STAR AND SOME INFORMATION ABOUT IT
AHEM.. WELL THEN,
WE'LL NOW START THE STAR-GAZ-ING PARTY
TRY TO LOCATE YOUR STAR ON THE CONSTELLATION CHART
AND IT'S OVER HERE!
HERE
WE'VE SET UP A LITTLE GAME TO HELP YOU LEARN MORE ABOUT THE STARS
THAT'S IT? ALREADY?
AND SHARE SOME OF THE TRIVIA FACTS WITH EVERY-ONE ELSE!
"ALTAIR" IS THE BRIGHTEST STAR IN ACQUILA, THE EAGLE CONSTELLATION
WE'RE HANDING OUT CONSTELLATION CHARTS AND BINOCULARS
And flashlights~
PLEASE DRAW ONE OF THESE CARD AND DIVIDE INTO GROUPS OF 8 BASED ON THE LETTER ON YOUR CARD
I'M VEGA!
THAT'S ENOUGH, SEMPAI.
WE'VE MARKED DOWN EIGHT IMPORTANT STARS ON THE CONSTELLATION CHARTS.

YOUR LAST JOB THEN...
IS TO TRY TO FIND THE MYSTERY STAR IN THE NIGHT SKY!
ALL IT WILL SAY IS:
YOU ARE "?"
YOU ARE 『?』
HOW EVER, ONE OF THE CARDS WILL NOT HAVE THE NAME OF A STAR ON IT.
IF YOU THINK YOU'VE FOUND THE RIGHT ONE, LET ONE OF THE STAFF KNOW.
IF YOU'RE CORRECT, THEN YOU'RE DONE!
IF YOU COUNT OFF THE OTHER STARS AND CHECK THE CHART,
YOU'LL FIND THE IDENTIY OF THE MYSTERY STAR!
I HANDMADE THE BAGS TOO.
IT'S NOT MUCH, BUT THEY'LL RECEIVE MY HOME-MADE SWEETS
AS A PRIZE FOR FIRST TEAM TO FINISH...
YOU'RE DENEB!
WE GOT IT!
WHAT A COINCIDENCE! NEITHER DO I!
FOR SOME REASON, I WOULD NEVER WANT TO BE THAT STAR.

TL NOTE: THIS IS A PUN. "DENEB" SOUNDS LIKE "DEBU" WHICH ALSO MEANS "FAT"

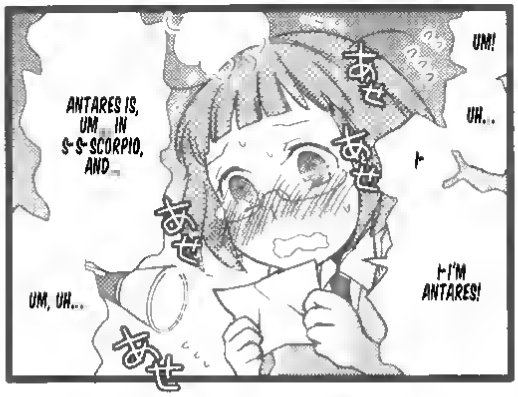
恋愛ラボ
LITTLE CHILDREN MUST BE WITH A PARENT OR GUARDIAN!
ALRIGHT, LINE UP AND DRAW A CARD!
☆ STAR ID GAME ☆
(5 PEOPLE PER TEAM)
RULE:
ONLY START LOOKING FOR "?" AFTER YOU'VE LEARNED ALL THE OTHER STARS!
☆EACH CARD HAS A STAR AND FACTS ABOUT IT
☆1 PERSON HAS A "?"
☆DEDUCE WHAT "?" IS FROM THE CONSTELLATION CHART
☆FIND "?" IN THE SKY AND CONFIRM WITH ASTRONOMER
MY TEAM'S NOT ASSEMBLED YET
C-CAN IT BE?
B
RULE-BREAKERS WILL PAY ALLOWANCE-SIZE FINES OR MAYBE EVEN REPARATIONS!
I'LL BE MAKING ROUNDS TO CHECK IF YOU'RE FOLLOWING THE RULES
BY THE WAY, THIS HARISEN IS MADE OF PLYWOOD!
NOT TRUE...
WELCOME ABOARD
I'M SORRY
B
LET'S DO OUR BEST, TEAM!
WE'LL BE PARTICIPATING TOO
B

GAME BEGINS
JABBER
TOO FAST!


I'M IN SECOND GRADE! I'M NOT A LITTLE KID ANYMORE
WHERE'S YOUR MOM?
IF WE CAN'T CHEAT, IT COMES DOWN TO SPEED
PROBABLY WON'T GET AWAY WITH IT

NOT BAD, STARDUST.
STOP THAT, IT SOUNDS STUPID.

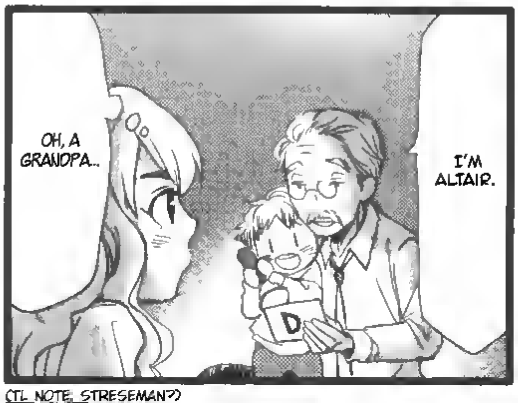
I'M TELLING YOU, I'LL BE FINE!
NAH, YOU'RE STILL A KID. GIMME A BREAK!
YOU'LL SLOW ME DOWN


ANTARES IS, UM... IN S-S-SCORPIO, AND...
UM, UH...
UM!
UH...
I-I'M ANTARES!

FYI,
I CAN FIND THOSE STARS WITHOUT THE CHART.

I'M SORRY
I APOLOGIZE
I'M SORRY
HEY

NO.
LET ME CALL YOU "REAL STARDUST" FROM NOW ON



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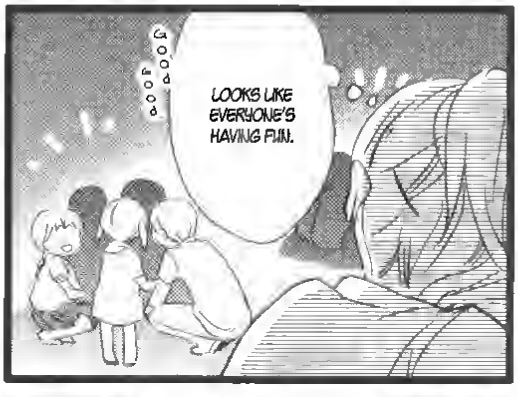
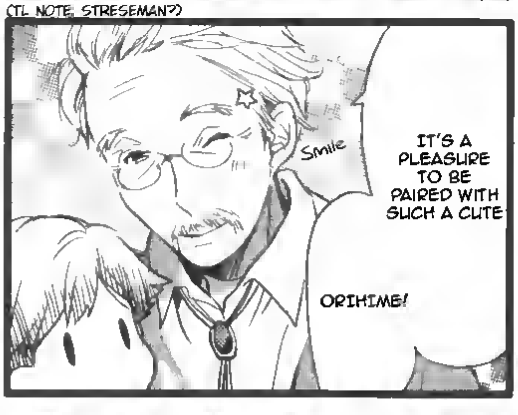
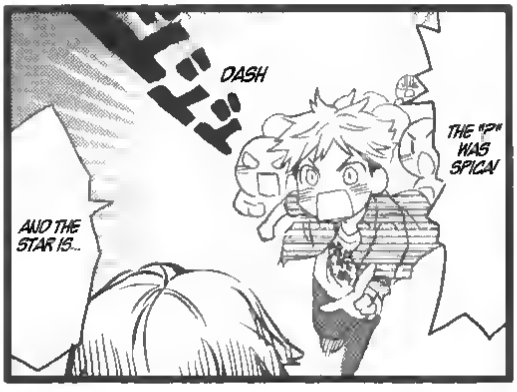
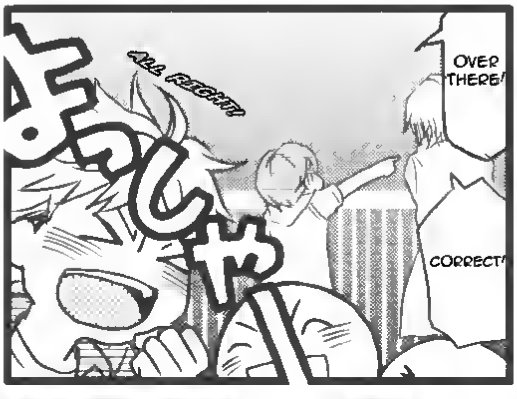
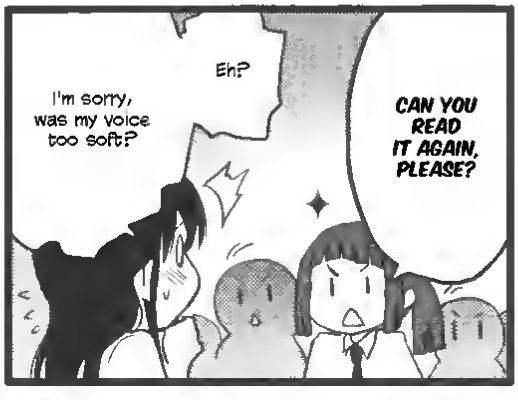
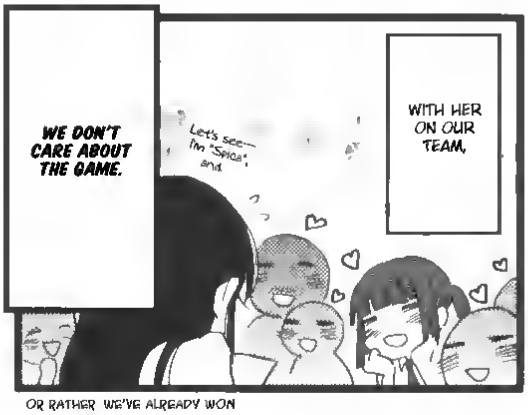






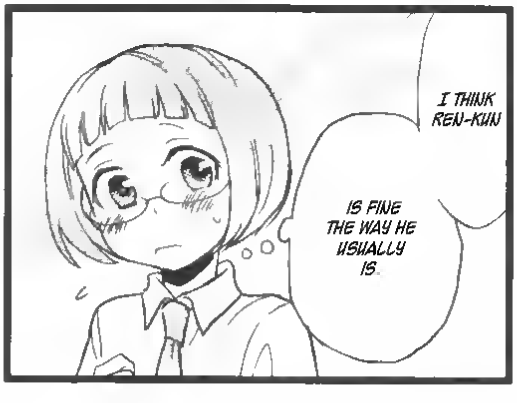


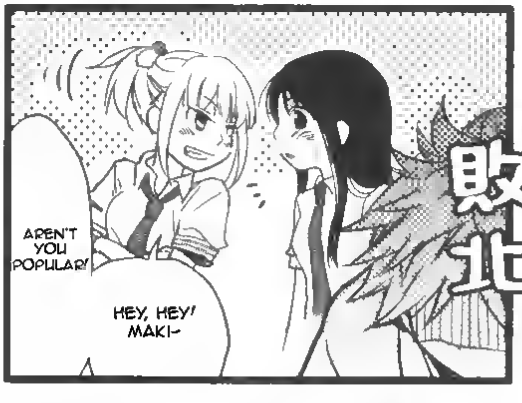




OR RATHER WE'VE ALREADY WON

BY THE WAY, WHERE'S MAKI-SAN?
WOW, YOU KNOW A LOT ABOUT STARS!
BUMP
AH!
THUD
NO WAY, WHY WOULD I.
WHY DON'T YOU SHARE WITH THEM, REN-KUN?
WHICH ONE'S YOUR FAVORITE?
THAT STARDUST...!
FOR NOW, IT'S VEGA
I SEE, ORIHIME! IT'S VERY PRETTY, AFTER ALL
Sorry
WAIT, HOLD ON!
..waah
..waah
Eh?
NOT AS PRETTY AS YOU.
EH!?
EH!?
HERE.
PLOP
HE'S A PLAYER.
THOSE COOKIES WERE DELICIOUS. YOU'RE GREAT AT COOKING!
EH!? W-WHY THANK YOU!
ARE THESE RATIONS?
NOM
CRUNCH
MUNCH
NOM NOM
MUNCH





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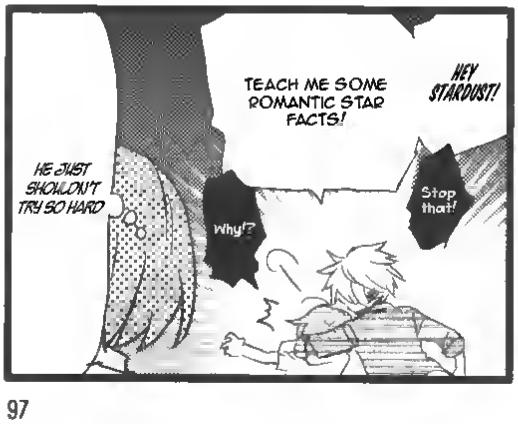
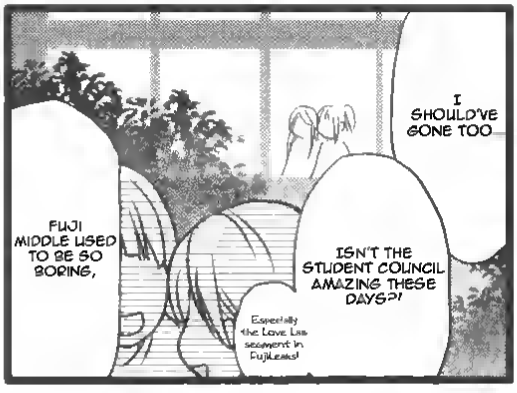
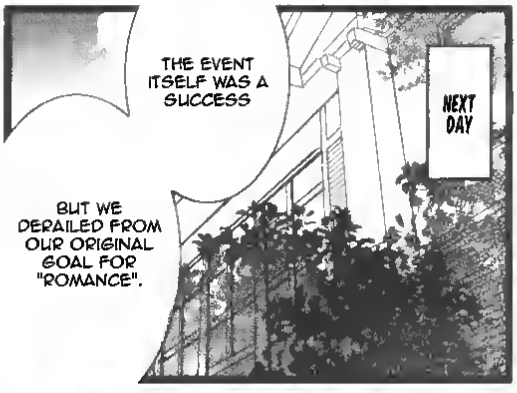


追い討ち FINISHING BLOW

LOOK, A SHOOTING STAR!
IT'S THE PERSEUS METEOR SHOWER.
OUR STUDENTS MIGHT OVERHEAR YOU!
IF THEY EVER FIND OUT
THEY'D BE DISGUSTED.
BUT MAKING A WISH THREE TIMES BEFORE IT FADES
IS IMPOSSIBLE, RIGHT?
.. THAT WOULD BE BAD
But,
NOT REALLY.
YEAH, WELL, IT'S EASY FOR YOU TO REPEAT "MONEY"
MONEY X3
I WISH FOR A WONDERFUL LOVER
I WISH FOR A WONDERFUL LOVER
I WISH FOR A WONDERFUL LOVER
YOU COULD BE A PLAY-BY-PLAY ANNOUNCER
I wonder why I'm not
as scared as before?

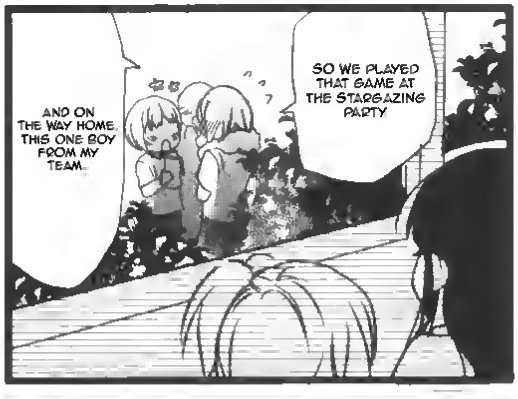
AT LEAST 10 TIMES.
EVEN MIZUSHIMA-SENPAI ASKED I WAS SO SURPRISED!
SO HOW MANY TIMES DID THEY ASK YOU?
IT'S FINALLY OVER~
GIVEN THE SHORT PREP TIME, IT'S AMAZING HOW SUCCESSFUL IT WAS!
*NOTE SUMMER NEWSPAPER CONTEST
THEY'RE SUCH NICE PEOPLE
THEY KEPT ASKING IF WE WERE READY FOR SUMMER-CON!*
EVEN THOUGH THEY WERE BUSY,
YES, THANK YOU SO M-..
...
AND THANK YOU FOR GIVING US A RIDE HOME!
GRIN
WELL THEN, THEY CAN'T BLAME US
RIGHT YOU ARE!
CLICK
NANA-CHAN?
IF WE COVER THE STARGAZING PARTY AND MAKE THEM THE STARS!
SHOULD WE USE THIS PICTURE FOR THE COVER? IT'LL BE POPULAR IN A LOT OF WAYS.
Momo-senpai, that's mean.
THIS IS OUR BEST SHOT YET!

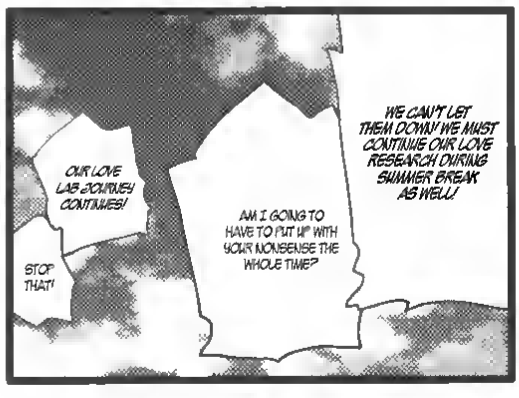

I SHOULD'VE GONE TOO
FUJI MIDDLE USED TO BE SO BORING,
ISN'T THE STUDENT COUNCIL AMAZING THESE DAYS?!
Especially the Love Lab segment in Fujilewis!

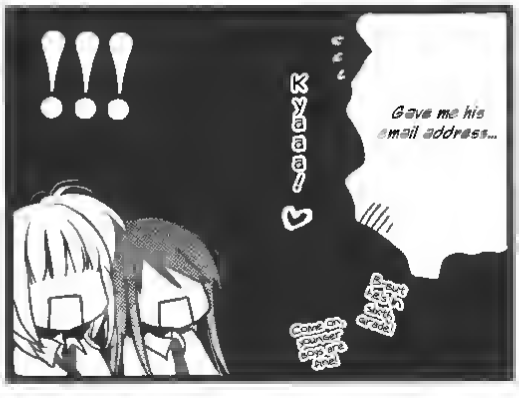

NEXT DAY
THE EVENT ITSELF WAS A SUCCESS
BUT WE DERAILED FROM OUR ORIGINAL GOAL FOR "ROMANCE".

BUT NOW IT'S A LOT MORE FUN!

THAT STUDENT WAS PROBABLY DISAPPOINTED
WAIT, SERIOUSLY?!


SO WE PLAYED THAT GAME AT THE STARGAZING PARTY
AND ON THE WAY HOME, THIS ONE BOY FROM MY TEAM...


WE CAN'T LET THEM DOWN! WE MUST CONTINUE OUR LOVE RESEARCH DURING SUMMER BREAK AS WELL!
AM I GOING TO HAVE TO PUT UP WITH YOUR NONSENSE THE WHOLE TIME?
OUR LOVE LAB JOURNEY CONTINUES!
STOP THAT!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Kyaa!
Gave me his email address...
Come on, yourself, stop it's fine!

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Extra Story: "The Magician's Sister"

NO!
I DON'T WANNA, I DON'T WANNAAA!
WAAAHHHH
I THOUGHT YOU WERE LOOKING FORWARD TO GOING UP TO OUR VILLA.
IT'LL JUST BE A LITTLE RIDE.
YUIKO
HATES CAAARS! DON'T WANNA GO ANYWHEEERE!!

HIC!
I'VE HAD ENOUGH OF YOU MOANING AND BARFING.
OH, DEAR...
WHY DON'T YOU JUST STAY HERE?
STOP THAT RIGHT NOW!
SFX: NO NO NO NO!
OH, REALLY NOW?
I HAAAAATE YOU!
STUPID, STUPID!
WAAAAAAHHH
YOU MEANIE!
THEN I'M NOT GOING!
I DIDN'T EVEN WANT TO GO ANYWAY.
STAYING HERE AND PLAYING GAMES WOULD BE A LOT MORE FUN
No...
WHAM
OOF!

SQUEEZE
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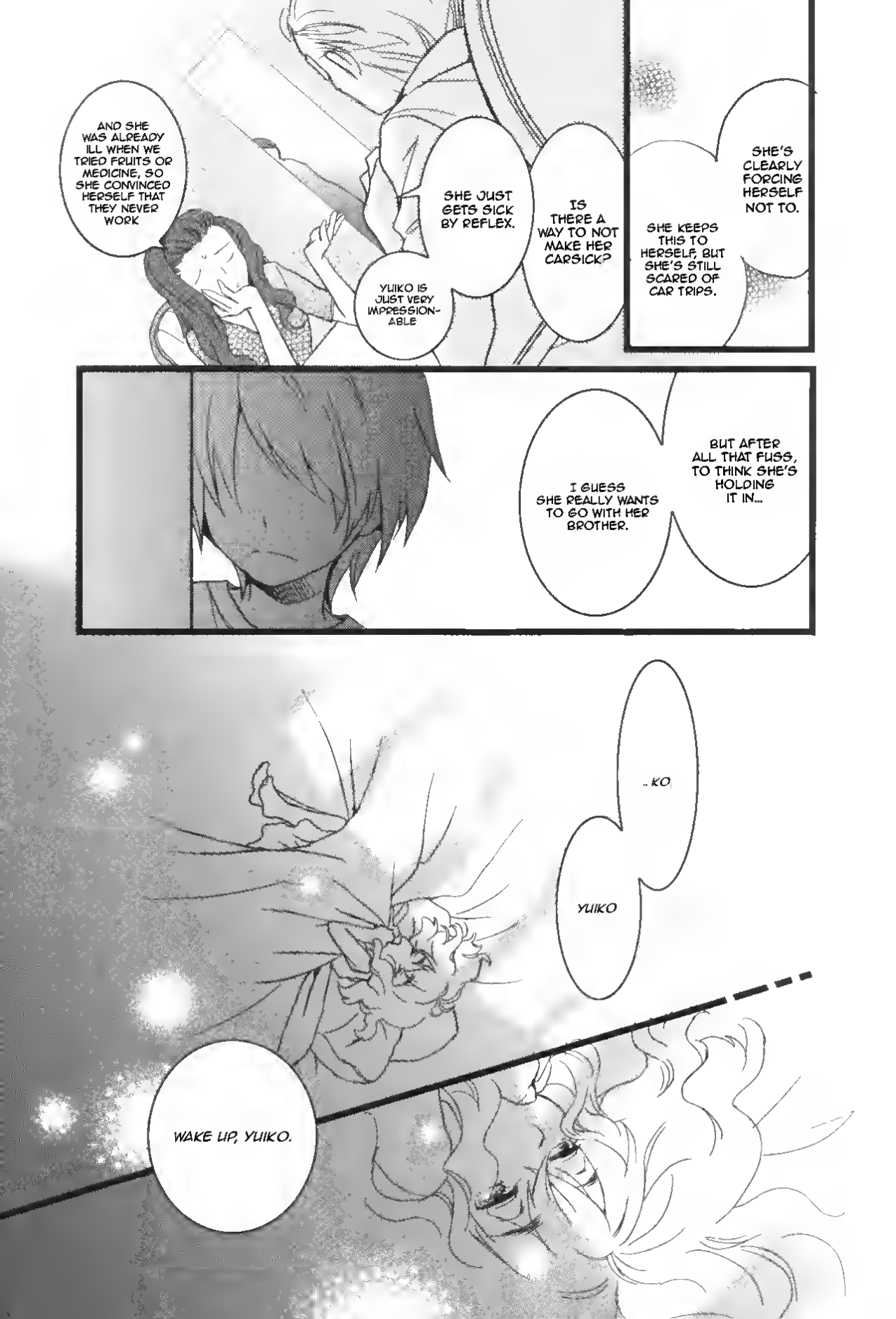
WHAT'S WITH YOU?
HEY...
C'mon...
LOOK AT HOW MUCH SHE LOVES YOU.
BE MORE PATIENT WITH HER, OKAY?
zzz...
sniff!
...LIKE I CARE.
THANKS FOR THE MEAL.
EH!?
BUT YOU HAVEN'T EATEN MUCH...
YUP.
I'M ALL FULL.
...HAS SHE GONE TO BED?
SHE DOESN'T CRY MUCH ANYMORE.
YES, BUT...


AND SHE WAS ALREADY ILL WHEN WE TRIED FRUITS OR MEDICINE, SO SHE CONVINCED HERSELF THAT THEY NEVER WORK
YUIKO IS JUST VERY IMPRESSION-ABLE
SHE JUST GETS SICK BY REFLEX.
IS THERE A WAY TO NOT MAKE HER CARSICK?
SHE KEEPS THIS TO HERSELF, BUT SHE'S STILL SCARED OF CAR TRIPS.
SHE'S CLEARLY FORCING HERSELF NOT TO.
I GUESS SHE REALLY WANTS TO GO WITH HER BROTHER.
BUT AFTER ALL THAT FUSS, TO THINK SHE'S HOLDING IT IN...
..KO
YUIKO
WAKE UP, YUIKO.

SHH!
KEEP YOUR VOICE DOWN.
HEY!
WHAT'S WITH THAT OUT-
I THOUGHT I'D SHOW YOU MY SECRET
YOUR SECRET?
IT'S ME!
YOUR BROTHER
WHOA!
GYAA-
WAIT, CALM DOWN!

DON'T TELL FATHER AND MOTHER, ALRIGHT?
O-okay.
RIGHT, SO YOUR OLDER BROTHER...
ACTUALLY
HAS SOME MAGIC POWERS!
NO WAY!
Don't pull off!
NO, IT'S TRUE!
LIAR!
YOU'RE KIDDING...
I'LL SHOW YOU SOME MAGIC.
SO TONIGHT, AS A TREAT...
BUT, I CAN ONLY USE THEM WHEN THE MOON'S BRIGHT OUTSIDE.

NOW, YUIKO.
WHAT'S THAT OVER THERE?
...the garage...
YUP! THAT CAR YOU HATE SO MUCH IS INSIDE.
AND WHY DON'T YOU LIKE CARS?
Eh!?
BECAUSE I GET REALLY SICK...
YEAH, THAT'S RIGHT.
B-BUT!
NOT GOING ON TRIPS WITH EVERYONE...
I DON'T LIKE THAT EITHER...
ruffle
Flupp
Flupp
ruffle
hey!
oh
I THINK SO TOO
THAT'S WHY

I'M GOING TO CAST A SPELL ON THIS GARAGE,
SO THAT YOU'LL NEVER GET SICK FROM ANY CAR PARKED IN HERE.
10 FLIP 7
BOOK OF MAGIC, CHAPTER 40 SECTION 7!
SPIRITS THAT DWELL UPON THESE LANDS... BY THE WIND'S VOICE AND DEW FROM THE MOON, OPEN THY EYES,
AND GRANT MINE WISH!
MAGIC
NERD
ENDLESS ETERNITY HAPPY DRIVING!
UGH!
MY MAGIC ISN'T THE FLASHY KIND...
NO FLASHES OR BANGS?
EH!?
AND MAYBE YOU'LL BE ABLE TO SEE AS WELL.
BUT LET'S CHECK IF MY SPELL WORKED.
TAKE A GOOD, LONG LOOK AT THE CARS.
CLICK
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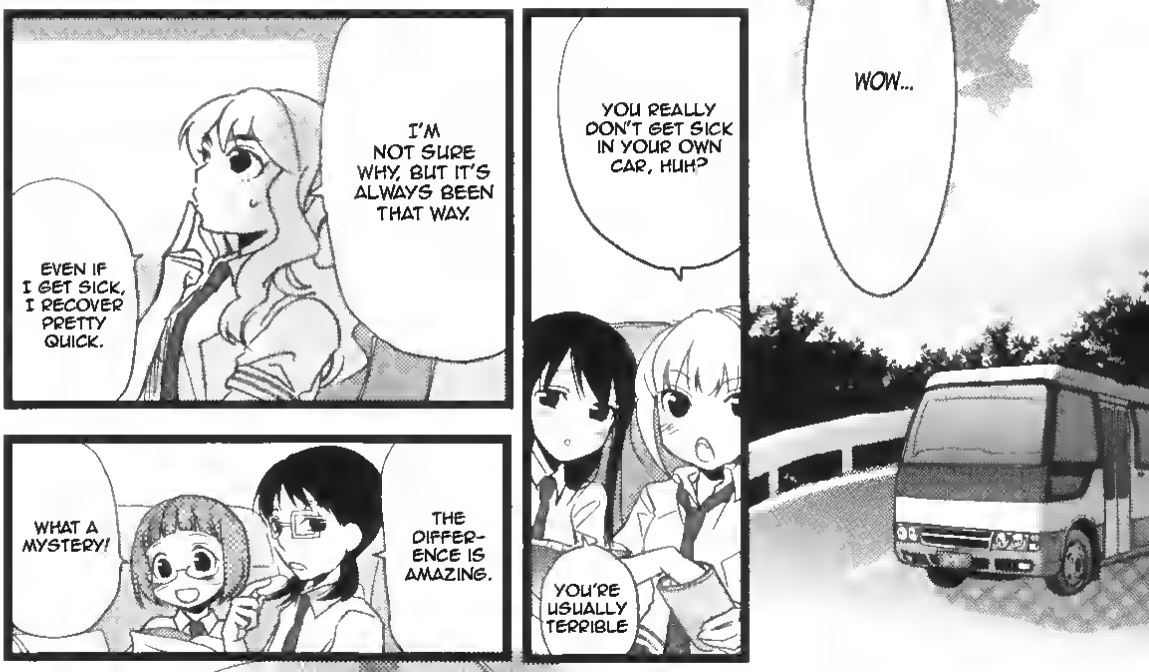
BLUR
STAAAAAAAAARE
DON'T BLINK...
NOT YEEEET.. NOT YET..
I-I-
I SAW IT!
IT GOT BLURRY!
IT WAS BLURRY!
YUP YUP, YOU GOT IT.
WELL DONE, SIS.
ONLY BECAUSE YOU STARED SO HARD
M-MOM...
YUIKO...
LET'S LOOK FORWARD TO THAT TRIP!
BUT I'M NOT A VERY GOOD MAGICIAN. SO
SOMETIMES IT MIGHT NOT WORK.
Okay
Okay
Okay
AND DON'T TELL ANYONE! OR RATHER, JUST FORGET ABOUT EVERYTHING.
THAT WAS KIND OF BLUR.

SHE'S MAKING ME HOT...
IS YUIKO ASLEEP?
HAHA, SHE WAS LATCHED ONTO YOU ALL DAY.
BUT I WAS SO SURPRISED!
SHE DIDN'T CRY OR BECOME SICK AT ALL!
SHE WAS SAYING "THANK YOU" TO YOU A WHOLE LOT.
WHEN DID SHE GET OVER CARS?
DID YOU DO SOME-THING?
.....
I DUNNO.


EVEN IF I GET SICK, I RECOVER PRETTY QUICK.
I'M NOT SURE WHY, BUT IT'S ALWAYS BEEN THAT WAY.
YOU REALLY DON'T GET SICK IN YOUR OWN CAR, HUH?
WOW...
WHAT A MYSTERY!
THE DIFFER-ENCE IS AMAZING.
YOU'RE USUALLY TERRIBLE

I'd say...
It's almost magic!

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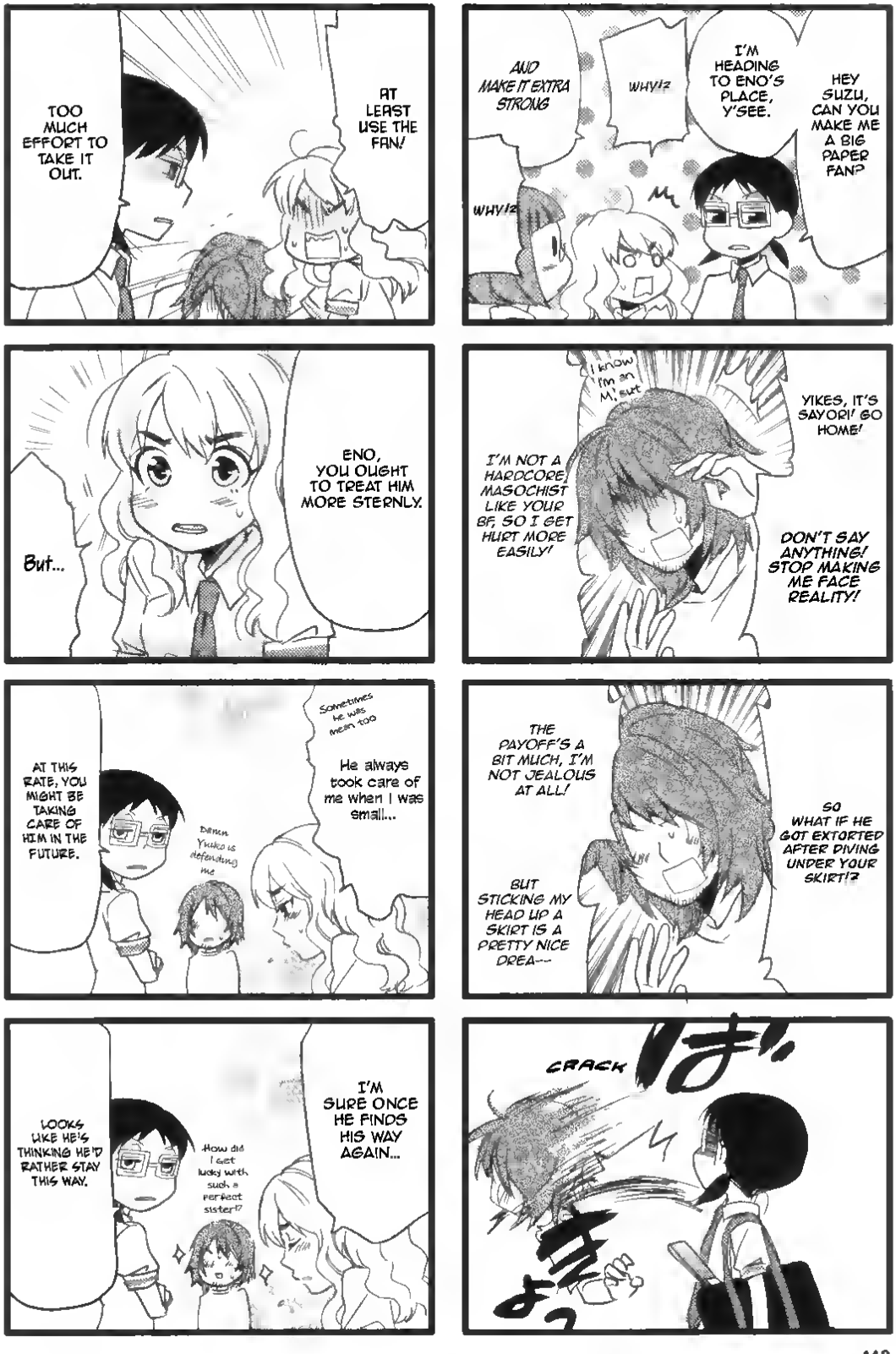
☆ EXTRA ☆ ENO'S BRO VS. SAYO


TOO MUCH EFFORT TO TAKE IT OUT.
AT LEAST USE THE FAN!
HEY SUZU, CAN YOU MAKE ME A BIG PAPER FAN?
I'M HEADING TO ENO'S PLACE, Y'SEE.
WHY!?
AND MAKE IT EXTRA STRONG
WHY!?
ENO, YOU OUGHT TO TREAT HIM MORE STERNLY.
But...
YIKES, IT'S SAYO!! GO HOME!
I know I'm an M, but
I'M NOT A HARDCORE MASOCHIST LIKE YOUR BF, SO I GET HURT MORE EASILY!
DON'T SAY ANYTHING! STOP MAKING ME FACE REALITY!
AT THIS RATE, YOU MIGHT BE TAKING CARE OF HIM IN THE FUTURE.
Hmmm Yuuko is defending me
Sometimes he was mean too
He always took care of me when I was small...
THE PAYOFF'S A BIT MUCH, I'M NOT JEALOUS AT ALL!
BUT STICKING MY HEAD UP A SKIRT IS A PRETTY NICE DREA---
SO WHAT IF HE GOT EXTORTED AFTER DIVING UNDER YOUR SKIRT!?
LOOKS LIKE HE'S THINKING HE'D RATHER STAY THIS WAY.
How did I get lucky with such a perfect sister!?
I'M SURE ONCE HE FINDS HIS WAY AGAIN...
CRACK
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AFTERWORD

Thank you for reading Love Lab Volume 5! The dynamics between the five girls and others are changing, bit by bit, what with Riko being the straight man, and excursions outside of school. Comedy is still the core, though, that hasn't changed. I hope you enjoy watching these "changes". The summer vacation goes on... let us meet again in Volume 6!

~Miyahara Ruri

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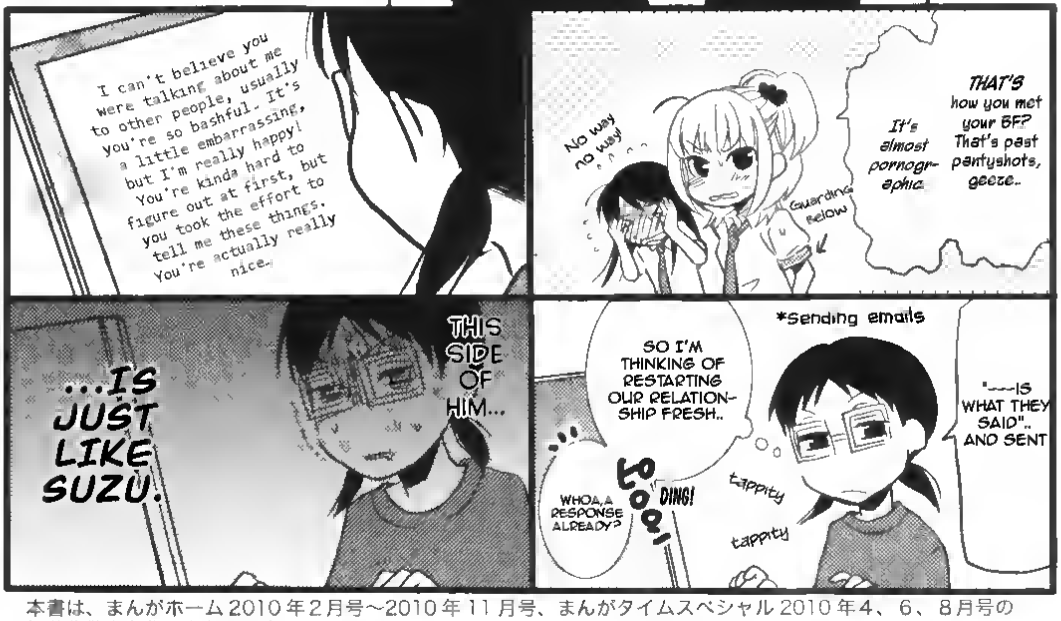
I can't believe you were talking about me to other people, usually you're so bashful. It's a little embarrassing, but I'm really happy! You're kinda hard to figure out at first, but you took the effort to tell me these things. You're actually really nice.
No way no way!
Guarding below
It's almost pornographic.
THAT'S how you met your BF? That's past pantyshots, geeze..
...IS JUST LIKE SUZU.
THIS SIDE OF HIM...
*Sending emails
SO I'M THINKING OF RESTARTING OUR RELATIONSHIP FRESH..
WHOA, A RESPONSE ALREADY?
DING!
tappity
tappity
"~~IS WHAT THEY SAID".. AND SENT

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